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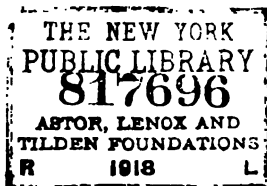
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sented and agreeably to the 26th rule of order were severally read by the Secretary, and subsequently referred to a committee of examination, consisting of Messrs. S. H. Lewis, John Nelson and Rev. Wm. Friend.

#### LAY DELEGATES.

Roger B. Atkinson, Cumberland Parish, Lunenburg.  
 Thomas M. Ambler, Leeds Parish, Fauquier.  
 Lewis Berkeley, St. James' church, Leesburg.  
 Otway B. Barraud, St. Paul's church, Norfolk.  
 John L. Bacon, Christ church, Richmond.  
 Philip A. Bolling, St. Peter's church, Buckingham.  
 Dr. William S. R. Brockenborough, Yocomoco church, Cople Parish.  
 Thomas G. Coleman, Antrim Parish, Halifax.  
 George M. Carrington, St. John's church, Henrico.  
 Henry E. Coleman, Roanoke Parish, Halifax.  
 John Chowning, Christ church parish, Lancaster.  
 W. W. Donaghe, Trinity church, Staunton.  
 Henry Fairfax, Falls church, Fairfax.  
 Dr. O. Fairfax, St. Paul's, Alexandria.  
 Dr. Jos. G. Gray, Christ church, Winchester.  
 C. I. Gibson, St. Margaret's church, Caroline.  
 James S. Gee, Merchants Hope church, Prince George.  
 R. Harrison, St. James parish, Goochland.  
 Samuel H. Lewis, Boyden parish.  
 Edmund I. Lee, Christ church, Alexandria.  
 Gabriel Long, St. John's church, Berkley parish.  
 Charles H. Lee, Norborne parish, Berkley.  
 Cassius F. Lee, Trinity church, Shepherdstown.  
 C. J. Meriweather, Frederickville parish.  
 David May, St. Paul's church, Petersburg.  
 Dr. J. A. Marshall, Hamilton parish, Fauquier.  
 Dr. John Minge, Westover parish, Charles City.  
 John Metcalfe, St. George's church, Fredericksburg.  
 Milo Mahan, Callaway and Trinity churches.  
 Philip Nelson, Frederick parish, Millwood.  
 Thomas Nelson, Monumental church, Richmond.  
 John Nelson, St. James' parish, Mecklenburg.  
 Mann Page, Walker's church, Albermarle.  
 Samuel Poindexter, St. Paul's church, Lynchburg.  
 Edward S. Pegrum, Christ church, Norfolk.  
 Dr. F. W. Pendleton, Farnham parish, Richmond county.  
 B. D. Rust, Lunenburg parish, Lunenburg.  
 Jacob C. Sheldon, Bruton parish, York.  
 Dr. William G. Smith, Hungars parish, Northampton.  
 George Stone, St. Andrew's church, Brunswick.  
 John Stuart, St. Paul's parish, King George county.  
 Edward T. Tayloe, St. Peter's church, Port Royal.  
 Anthony Twyman, St. Thomas church, Orange.  
 M. M. Todd, Christ church, Smithfield.  
 Josiah Tidball, Meade parish, Upperville.  
 Wm. Williams, Monumental church, Richmond.  
 John Williams, St. James' church, Richmond.  
 Robert P. Waring, St. Ann's parish, Essex.  
 B. C. Washington, Zion church, St. Andrew's parish.  
 Dr. J. Winston, St. Stephen's church, Culpeper.  
 Dr. Thomas Withers, Sapony church, Bath Parish.  
 Allen Williams, Wickliffe parish, Clarke.  
 Dr. R. W. Young, Trinity church, Portsmouth.

On motion, *ordered*, That the meeting of the Convention for the transaction of business be held at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning at the Lyceum.

The Convention thereupon adjourned to meet at the above time and place

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Vestry that under certain circumstances, Mr. Nelson should represent the Monumental church; therefore he be admitted.

Mr. Nelson therefore appeared, and took his seat in the Convention.

On motion, *ordered*, That the Convention do now adjourn to attend divine service and return immediately thereafter for the transaction of business to this place.

The Convention adjourned accordingly.

## THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

The Convention re-assembled agreeably to adjournment.

The Rt. Rev. Presiding Bishop and Assistant Bishop severally delivered their annual addresses as follows:

### RT. REV. BISHOP MOORE'S ADDRESS.

Another year, my beloved brethren, has past away since we were assembled together, to reflect and legislate on the important concerns of the church. It gives me the greatest pleasure to meet you in health, and to find you all united in the wish, to promote the interest and advancement of the church confided to your pastoral care. Although from my advanced age, I have been unable to discharge the duties of the Diocese with that untiring effort with which I could engage at my first entrance amongst you, and therefore have been obliged to confine my labors within a much smaller circle, still heaven has afforded me sufficient strength to visit a few parishes during the last year, the short history of which I have risen to communicate to you.

In the month of June, 1840, I was called upon to visit the county of Hanover, on which occasion I preached at the Fork church on the Sabbath, and on the day following at the Court House, at which time, I laid the corner stone of a new church and confirmed five persons.

In the same month I preached in Christ Church in the city of Richmond, and confirmed six of the congregation under the pastoral care of their faithful and laborious Rector, the Rev. Mr. Woodbridge, and on the afternoon of the same day administered confirmation in the Monumental church.

In July, my duties called me to this city, at which time I admitted four of the alumni of our Diocesan Seminary to Deacon's orders, and consecrated the new chapel in the neighborhood of our Theological School, and also confirmed in both churches in Alexandria thirty-nine persons.

In the same month I visited St. Paul's church, Petersburg, under the care of the Rev. Mr. Cobbs, and admitted to Deacon's orders Mr. Aristides Smith, formerly a minister of the Presbyterian church; and in the same month ordained at the request of Bishop Ives, Mr. Jacob Morse, a Deacon, in the Monumental church.

In November, I went into the county of Cumberland and held a confirmation; I preached also to a large and respectable congregation under the care of the Rev. Mr. Kinckle, and administered the Lord's Supper.

In March, I admitted in the Monumental church to the Holy order of Deacons, Mr. Malcolm McFarland.

In April, I held a confirmation in the Monumental church, and in same month I again visited Petersburg and confirmed thirteen individuals—Bishop Otey confirming two others—total fifteen.

RICHARD CHANNING MOORE.

### RT. REV. BISHOP MEADE'S ADDRESS.

DEAR BRETHREN AND FRIENDS:

On the morning after the special business of our last Convention in Charlottesville was over, it was my happiness to admit to the Holy Communion by the rite of Confirmation, forty-two persons of various ages and from different parts of the Diocese, whose cases were such as to justify a departure from the general rule of administering it in the several parishes. From Charlottesville I proceeded to Louisa C. H., where I officiated two days, and urged

them to the speedy execution of their design to build a church. On Saturday and Sunday the 30th and 31st of May I was with Mr. Ward at St. John's, Spotsylvania, preaching and administering the rite of Confirmation to two persons. The 1st and 2nd June I spent at the two churches in Hanover. The 4th and 5th were given to St. Margaret's, in Caroline, where three were confirmed. The 6th at Grace church. The 7th and 8th at Post Royal, where nine were confirmed. The 9th and 10th at ——— Church; confirmations five, two of them colored persons. The 11th and 12th were spent at a new church in Essex, which was consecrated by the name of St. Paul's, and in which I confirmed five persons. The erection of this church, and the collection of a congregation is a monument of the labors and persevering efforts of its minister and a very few individuals around it. On the 13th and 14th I was at Richmond C. H., by the side of which lay the grave of a beloved brother, the former and deeply lamented Pastor. Five were confirmed at this time, and three on my return, the posthumous fruits of the labors of him who had gone to his rest. On the 17th I was at Northumberland C. H. On the 18th at Old Christ Church, Lancaster, which having been recently repaired, much to the praise of a few neighboring friends at an expense of fourteen or fifteen hundred dollars, without in the least interfering with its original order within or without, presents to the eye of the beholder and the soul of the worshipper, a temple of religion not surpassed in deep interest by any in our land. On the 19th I performed service at Lancaster C. H., and on the 20th and 21st at White Chapel, confirming two. At Richmond C. H. again on the 22d, baptizing 3 adults and confirming the same. At Westmoreland C. H. on the 24th, baptizing an infant. At Oak Grove Westmoreland on the 25th. At St. Paul's, King George, on the 26th and 27th, confirming five and baptizing one child. At Lamb's Creek on the 28th, confirming one. At Fredericksburg on the 29th and 30th, confirming thirteen. At Aquia church, Stafford county, on the 1st of July. At Dumfries on the 2nd. On the 4th I addressed the students of the Seminary and the youths of the High School and Fairfax Institute at the chapel of the Theological Seminary; and on the next day, being the Sabbath, officiated at the Little Falls church, confirming two. The remainder of the week was spent in duties at the Seminary and High School, in examining the students of both, and in exercises far more delightful and important than any scientific and literary investigation can possibly be.

The morning of one of the days was introduced by the administration of the rite of confirmation to thirty-seven persons, twenty-seven of whom were youths from the two schools. who, during the session had given such evidences of piety as justified their teachers in presenting them to me for this solemn ceremony. At a later period the ordination of a number of candidates for the ministry was performed by Bishop Moore. At the close of the week I proceeded towards Leesburg, and on the afternoon of Saturday, preached at Miss Mercer's, confirming two of the young pupils and two members of her household. On the three following days I was engaged in Ministerial duties at Leesburg, where four persons were confirmed. The duties of this visit ended on Wednesday 15th at Snickersville, where I preached to a full assembly.

In the month of August, I attended associations at Berryville, Middletown, Upperville, and Middleburg, at the first of which I confirmed ten persons. In September I visited the churches in Jefferson and Berkeley, spending two days at Charlestown, confirming nine persons and exhorting the people not without success to the providing a comfortable parsonage for their minister. The same I am happy to say, has been done in Berryville, Upperville, and some other places during the past year. During this visit, I spent two days at Shepherdstown, where they are about to enlarge the Church; also one day at Martinsburg where I laid the corner stone of a new church, and two days at Hedges chapel where I confirmed twelve persons. After this I made another visit to Upperville where I confirmed seven.

Commencing another visitation in October, I preached to the youths of the two schools on the evening of Saturday the 3d, at the Chapel of the Seminary. On the next day preached in each of the churches of Alexandria and during the morning service admitted Messrs. Earnest and Chisholm to the order of Deacons. On Monday night I preached in Fredericksburg. On the following Sunday in the Monumental church in the morning, and in the Lecture room of the same in the evening. On Tuesday evening, I officiated again in the Lecture room, and on Wednesday evening in St. James' church. Friday evening, Saturday and Sunday were spent in Petersburg in company with Bishop Moore, who confirmed seven persons and ordained Mr. Aristides Smith, Deacon, on the Sabbath. On Monday the 19th I officiated at Merchants Hope, after which the weather and other circumstances interfered with my appointments until Friday, when I preached, and confirmed three persons at Old Surry church. Saturday and Sunday were spent at Smithfield, where three colored persons were confirmed. I preached at Chuckatuck on Monday, and Suffolk on Tuesday, on the evening of which day I confirmed one. The remainder of the week and the ensuing Sabbath I spent in Norfolk and Portsmouth, confirming seventeen in the former, and three in the latter. From Norfolk I visited the churches in Princess Anne, preaching in each of them and confirming three.

I then crossed the Bay and spent ten days in Accomac and Northampton, in the former

consecrating the new church at Drummondtown, Confirming four persons, baptizing one adult and celebrating one marriage in the church. In the latter beside preaching repeatedly I confirmed three persons. More would probably have been presented but for the sickness and recent affliction of their Pastor, which had for some time incapacitated him for pastoral duty. On my return from the Eastern Shore, I spent two days at Hampton, where five persons were confirmed. Thence I went to Gloucester where I preached in each of the Churches, confirming three. At Williamsburg I spent two days, preaching several times and confirming four persons. In Charles City I spent three days, preaching, administering the Communion and confirming three persons. On Monday night I reached Petersburg and preached in the church. On Wednesday morning I lectured for Bishop Moore in Richmond. On the following Sunday I preached to the students of the High School in the morning and united with Dr. Keith in an address to the students of the Seminary in the evening.

Reaching home on the 10th of December, I remained there, with the exception of a visit to Alexandria and Baltimore, until some time in February, when I was called on to participate in the pleasing duty of consecrating Dr. Elliott of South Carolina as Bishop of Georgia. This task was performed by Bishop Ives of North Carolina, Bishop Gadsden of South Carolina and myself in Savannah on the 24th February. I tarried two Sabbaths in that place, and the intervening days, with the exception of two spent at a hospitable seat in the country. The kindness of Christian friends and brethren in that place will ever make the remembrance of my visit most grateful to my heart, while the thought of having contributed in any manner to the consecration of so beloved a brother, will in no slight degree increase the pleasure of such recollection. Not less kind were the attentions received during my short stay in Charleston, where I would have been pleased to tarry longer, had not duty required my speedy return. Since then I have paid one visit to the District and also to the church at Berryville—in the latter place I confirmed twelve persons and administered the Communion.

Such is the narrative I have to give of the services God has enabled me to perform during the past year.

Perhaps it may not be improper to add that they have been performed with less comfort of body than those of any previous period, and that at some times I have been seriously admonished of infirmities, which, except duly attended to, might bring my ministry to a close, at a period earlier than might otherwise be. God has in times past been truly gracious in giving me a readiness of utterance which made the preaching of the word, and other services for the most part easy and delightful. During the last twelve years with the exception of that just ended, my health seemed to have increased with the increasing duties devolved upon me, so that with considerable comfort I have engaged in the performance of ministerial duties more or less various and extended, during at least two thirds of the days of each year. This indeed was actually required in order to meet the reasonable wishes and wants of the brethren and their congregations in regard to Episcopal services, for such is the number and distance of the congregations to be visited in this large Diocese, that even with the frequent services mentioned, I have not been able always to visit the congregations once in two years. From my present feelings I fear that, should it please Providence to continue my ministry for a number of years I shall scarcely be able to go beyond a triennial visitation. By a more leisurely movement from place to place, and by availing myself more of the aid of my brethren in the ministry, I hope while life is continued to render some service to our beloved church in Virginia. During the present season I have before me four or five months of duty which I am anxious to perform, and shall postpone most reluctantly, but the wishes of relatives and friends and brethren, coinciding with my own conviction of what is due to prudence, induce me to ask of the Convention a release from the same, or rather the postponement of it for a season. Perhaps the relaxation from effort at this time may strengthen me the more for the performance of such duties as lie before me in years that are to come.

Commending our beloved brethren and friends to the protection of heaven,

I remain your faithful brother in Christ,  
WILLIAM MEADE.

The Convention adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9 A. M.

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FRIDAY MORNING, MAY 21, 1841.

The Convention assembled at the appointed time.  
Opening prayer by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Moore.

The minutes of the preceding day were read.

On motion, *ordered*, That Mr. William Williams be appointed Treasurer and Trustee of the "Fund for the relief of the widows and orphans of deceased Clergymen in the Diocese of Virginia," to supply the vacancy occasioned by the death of the late Mr. Hilary Baker.

Col. Stuart from the "Committee on the admission of New Parishes," presented a report unfavorable to the application from St. James' Church, Culpeper county, which report was subsequently recommitted, with instructions to inquire into the facts of the case.

On motion, *ordered*, That the Rev. Dr. Keith, and Mr. John Metcalfe, be added to the committee in the case of St. James' Church, Culpeper.

The following clerical members appeared and took their seats, viz. Rev. Mr. Bartlett of Accomac, Rev. Mr. Armstrong of Wheeling, Rev. Mr. Morrison of Shepherdstown, and Rev. Mr. Taliaferro of Martinsburg.

Rev. Mr. Atkinson presented the application for admission from Holston parish, Washington county, and asked its reference to the committee on the admission of new parishes,—referred accordingly.

Convention adjourned to attend Divine Service.

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON, MAY 21.

The Convention met at the appointed time and place.

Rt. Rev. Bishop Meade presiding.

The afternoon was occupied chiefly in reading and hearing Parochial reports.

Mr. William Williams was elected Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary society.

Convention adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9, A. M.

## SATURDAY MORNING, MAY 22, 1841.

The Convention met this morning agreeably to adjournment.

Opened with prayer by Bishop Moore.

The minutes of the preceding day were read.

Rev. J. E. Jackson from the committee on admission of new parishes presented the following report and resolutions appended.

The committee to whom was referred the application for admission into connection with this Diocese, of St. James' Church, Culpeper, and of Holston Parish, Washington county, have had the same under their consideration and beg leave respectfully to report, that the application of Holston parish, being in a part of the state in which no Episcopal Church has ever been established, the committee have found no obstacle to its reception by any article of the Constitution, or by any canon of the church.

*Resolved, 1st, therefore*, That Holston Parish be admitted into connection with the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Virginia.

That it appears to your committee by the testimony of Dr. Winston, Dr. Hamilton and others, that St. Mark's parish, Culpeper, is not, and has not for several years past, been in



an organized state, but gone into decay; and that the requirements as far as they are practicable, of the 12th canon of this Diocese have been complied with, they therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved, Adly,* That St. James' Church (a Church recently erected and organized and in use) be admitted into connexion with the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Virginia.

Said reports and resolution were then adopted.

Rt. Rev. Bishop Meade from the committee appointed at the last Convention on the subject of the "religious instruction of the colored population," presented and read the following report; and which was subsequently adopted.

## REPORT

*Of the Committee to whom was referred the consideration of the best means of promoting the religious instruction of servants.*

The Committee to whom the important duty of considering how the religious instruction of servants may be best conducted in the families and congregations belonging to our church, having had the same under consideration, beg leave to submit the following as the result of their inquiries and deliberations.

Although they might with great propriety dwell upon the high and holy considerations which should urge to the performance of this first of charities, they will not for a moment suppose that the duty is questioned by any, who will read this report, and therefore at once proceed to the only inquiry which should precede the mention of those means which seem most likely to effect the desired object.

The inquiry to which we allude, is as to the persons on whom devolves the duty of using the means whatever they be, which shall be recommended. On one or the other, or on both of two descriptions of persons must the duty of necessity devolve. Either on those who hold them in bondage, or on the divinely commissioned Ministers of religion, or in some measure on both.

While all acknowledge that it is the province of the Minister to preach the gospel to the poor, and that servants ought not to be discarded from their pastoral care, the difficulties of paying a due attention to this class, in connexion with their general duties to their Congregations are so great as to induce many to wish for an order of Ministers entirely devoted to the religious instruction of servants. So pious a wish deserves to be encouraged; and it is hoped that in the providence of God each year will increase, not merely the desire, but the gratification of such desire, and that we shall see more and more faithful Ministers of God choosing this as one of the most useful and honorable fields of labor.

But it becomes those who have carefully surveyed this whole subject to warn the friends of those for whose welfare we are consulting, whether they be pious and conscientious owners, or the pastors around whose churches they dwell, not to let their hopes and wishes for something, which, however desirable, may nevertheless be uncertain and distant, take the place of those efforts which themselves are bound to make at the present time. Great as is this harvest, the Lord of the harvest has not yet sent forth laborers in sufficient numbers to take these fields under their especial care; and until that time shall come, if such ever be the will of our Lord, they must not be neglected by those under whose care they now are.

Even were these Ministers sufficient in number, willing and fitted to the work, many circumstances must combine to enable them to engage successfully in it, which are seldom found united in any of the parishes of Virginia. There must be a sufficient number of large plantations contiguous to each other to give employment to a zealous Minister; there must be a willingness and ability on the part of the owners to support such a Minister in addition to the pastor of the Congregation and an agreement as to the times and seasons to be appropriated to each plantation, all which circumstances are not readily to be found in the parishes of our Diocese. For the combination of such advantages we must look to a more Southern portion of our country, where servants are more numerous, and masters more wealthy, and where unless some such measure is adopted, the condition of the servant, as to religious instruction is truly deplorable. Our attention has been drawn to the means in use for the religious instruction of servants in that portion of the country to which we allude. So far as we can ascertain in the whole Southern section of our land, not more than twelve or fifteen Ministers of religion are entirely devoted to the colored population. Of these, four or five perhaps are of our own communion, who are faithfully devoted to this work. The others are chiefly, if not entirely of the Methodist denomination, being employed by the owners who are attached for the most part to the Episcopal Church. Each one of these divides his time and labors between a number of plantations, for a very moderate compensation. It is however matter of regret to those most anxious on the subject, that even on this plan and when the estates are most convenient, that it is impossible to give to each one the attention that is desired.

If so few are employed in the entire South where all things are so much more favorable to success, and where there are many very desirous to have them, how can we expect much from this plan in the Diocese of Virginia, where the estates are so subdivided, and the servants comparatively so few in number on each plantation?

We make this statement not to discourage the effort in those places where it is practicable, but to warn both masters and Ministers not to neglect their present duty under the mistaken supposition that the work is soon to be done in a way more perfect. Our Ministers cannot throw off this responsibility from themselves, but must feel that this is a portion of their pastoral duty to be performed according to the ability given and opportunity afforded of the Lord. These are the poor members of the families under their charge, unto whom they must preach the gospel at such times and places as God in his providence shall direct.

Nor must the masters and mistresses excuse themselves from their share in this duty by assigning it over to their pastors, or by looking forward with hope to a fuller provision of Ministerial service for them—their great dependence upon those who own them for the means of religious instruction, imposes a most solemn duty on such to supply the deficiency of Ministerial care, by such personal attentions as they may have it in their power to bestow.

With these few remarks as to the persons on whom the duty of furnishing religious instruction to servants, of necessity, by the providence of God, now devolves in our Diocese, we proceed to mention the means to be used in order to impart the same. The preaching of the Gospel on the Sabbath day in the house of God is the great instrument appointed for the conversion of souls, and therefore Ministers and masters should use the most effectual means for inducing servants to attend and occupy such places as shall be provided for them in the house of worship. If the Ministers beside great plainness of speech throughout all their discourses would in every sermon have some reference to them, though only in a few words calling their attention to the subject under consideration, it is not to be doubted that a happy effect would result from such particular notice. But as the space allotted to the servants in some churches is small, and other circumstances favor at times only a special address to them, Ministers should as often as practicable, either in the churches, or the plantations, appropriate the afternoon or evening of the Sabbath to their benefit. Nor should the Ministers of the country parishes think this a heavy duty, when they remember that the Ministers in towns and villages usually have two services each Sabbath, and one or more during the week for the same congregation. As our country Ministers have not those frequent services in the churches, might they not as a substitute, occasionally have evening meetings at the houses of their parishioners, or in the quarters, for the benefit of the servants? Not a little might be done in this way by a zealous Minister whose heart was duly affected with the spiritual wants of those whose condition we are considering, and while thus seeking to benefit the servant a favorable opportunity will be presented for pastoral attention to the owners.

To this public use of the divine ordinance of preaching, we would add that of catechising, which every age of the church has been found so effectual, and whose value in the Sunday school has been so signally manifested in our own times. We rejoice to know that its virtue has been successfully tried in behalf of the servants of most of the congregations in the Diocese of South Carolina and in some places of the two adjoining States. At some period of each Sabbath the Minister with some of his parishioners meet at the church, or some other place with the catechumens both old and young, and there by means of oral instruction, using simple catechisms and hymns, convey into their minds the knowledge of the great duties and doctrines of Christianity. It is on such occasions that they also instruct them in the use of the church service and prepare them for taking part in the same with their masters and mistresses, when the hour of public worship comes on. Although, without being able to read they cannot unite in the responsive psalms, yet is there no other part of the service which they may not quickly learn. The confession, Lord's prayer, the anthems, creed and litany can be united in almost at once by any listener.

Let it be mentioned as a proof how easily our liturgy may be learned by them, and how well adapted it is for their edification, that it has come to the knowledge of the committee by one of the number, who speaks from personal observation, that in one of the Southern States and in a family where by general acknowledgment the religious instruction of the servants is more perfectly conducted than in any other in the Union, and where the heads of the family do not even belong to our communion, yet is the service of the church used, in preference to any other as best suited to the object in view. The little ones are taught from the earliest period to repeat the prayers and chaunt the anthems and respond in the litany and recite the creed, and thus is their attention kept alive by the active part they have to take in the services of the sanctuary.

Why may not such be the case in all of our churches? We have Sunday schools for the children of the rich and poor of one color, why not for those of the other? If indeed it be impracticable to have it for both, ought not the servants and their children to have the preference, seeing that the others are so much more likely to receive instruction at home? The Committee would earnestly commend a speedy attention to this subject, and that while use be made of such books as can now be had, another Committee be appointed to report to the next

Convention, a catechism and other books for the Sunday schools of colored persons, as well as any further information and advice as may be obtained on this subject.

The Committee cannot conclude the task assigned it, without mentioning among the most important means of religious instruction to servants, the practice of family worship, conducted in such a manner and at such a time, as may best conduce to the end in view. We are aware that nothing is more common, than the plea for its neglect, that the trial has been made and that such is the unwillingness on the part of the servants to attend that the effort has been abandoned. It would be well for those making such excuse to consider whether they could sincerely offer it to Heaven with a consciousness of having done all on their part to render the family worship interesting and useful; whether they have chosen the most appropriate season for it, without regarding some little inconvenience to themselves, or interruption of temporal business, or even some loss of earthly profit, in consideration of the greatness of the duty. No doubt some have very sincerely entered on this duty in the time of their first love and zeal, but meeting with some difficulties have, with the abatement of their own feelings, relinquished the practice and not insisted on the attendance of their servants. But ought they not to act as they do with their own children who are not permitted to decide for themselves but required to be present where prayer is made and God's word is read, and to whom such exercises are so often blessed of God, even though sometimes reluctantly attended? If a proper regard was had to the peculiar dispositions, habits and circumstances of servants, in selecting the time for religious services—if pains were taken in the selection of scripture, and brief explanations and exhortation sometimes given, or read to them, we might surely hope for more success in rendering such services interesting and profitable. In most families where religious services are performed the times usually selected are not those most convenient to the servants. At morning family prayer they are generally employed at their different duties, either in the field or in the house—at evening service they are usually engaged in their own affairs, the day having been spent in the service of others, and if constrained to be present are often overcome with sleep and little profited by their unwilling attendance.

To render religious instruction as acceptable as possible, it is desirable that it be given at such time and in such manner, as shall satisfy the servants that it is done by their owner from principle and out of love to their immortal souls. Let some time therefore be chosen which is regarded, not as their own, but their masters' and which he freely surrenders for their spiritual welfare. In those families where the servants take their first meal at a very early hour, and before they enter on any labour of the field, let an half hour or even less, either immediately before, or after the meal, be spent in reading and explaining God's word and offering up suitable prayers. When this does not suit let some other time be chosen when both body and soul are best prepared for deriving benefit from religious exercises, so that the duty may be performed, not merely as something which is to be done of necessity to relieve the conscience, but in the manner best calculated to effect the great object in view. We cannot but think that if religion were regarded as of that great importance which it deserves to be, and the duty we owe to the souls of our servants were held to be above all others, that means might be found for making our families nurseries for the church as the church is for Heaven. If the elder members of the household did their parts faithfully, if the younger ones were sometimes employed in teaching the children hymns and scripture and preparing them for the Sabbath school, much surely might be effected within the domestic circle for accomplishing the object towards which the Committee have directed your attention. In the furtherance of this most desirable object the owners may derive very valuable aid from the simple tracts, dialogues, and narratives which from time to time are published for the use of the poor and illiterate, whether bond or free, and which we hope will abound more and more with an especial reference to those whose case has been under the consideration of the Committee.

All which is respectfully submitted by the Committee.

RICHARD C. MOORE, D. D.  
WILLIAM MEADE, D. D.  
WM. G. H. JONES,  
NELSON PAGE,  
JOHN STUART.

On motion, *ordered*, That the 2nd resolution submitted to the above named committee at the Convention of 1840 be hereby rescinded.

Rev. W. G. H. Jones from the same committee, offered the following resolutions which were adopted:

*Resolved*, That the committee appointed under the report of the committee, upon the "Religious instruction of the coloured population" of this diocese, be instructed to report upon the propriety and desirableness, of the formation of a society, the object of which shall be the promotion of religious knowledge among the colored people of this diocese, to collect such information as shall be promotive of this object, and to publish from time to time such tracts

and other works, as shall best subserve the benevolent and Christian purposes of the society, whilst at the same time it is believed that this would be the more effectual mode of exciting a general interest throughout the Diocese, in this important work, and more certainly insure the interest and co-operation of Clergy and Laity.

*Resolved*, That the committee be instructed to report on this subject at the next Convention.

### DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Rev. Mr. Friend submitted the following report:

The committee on the accounts of the Treasurer of the Missionary Society have performed the duty assigned them and find the accounts accurately stated, and established by satisfactory vouchers.

*The Protestant Episcopal Association for the promotion of*

*Christianity in the Diocese of Virginia,*

*In account with the late HILARY BAKER, Treasurer.*

1840.

Dr.

July 20.	To paid Rev. Richard T. Brown, viz., his order of 17th July favor of J. H. Britton for \$36 63, Treasurer's check to his order \$53 37,	\$150 00
" "	" paid Rev. D. M. Fackler check to his order sent him at Norfolk,	100 00
Sept. 1.	" paid Rev. James B. Goodwyn to his order, favor D. F. G. Stribling and from him to T. R. Blair,	125 00
5.	" paid Rev. James H. McMechen in check to his order sent by mail to Clarksburg, Harrison county,	100 00

1841.

May 13.	" Balance transferred to account of Wm. Williams present Treasurer,	47 84
		<u>\$523 84</u>

1840.

Cr.

May 17.	By balance being cash in hands of Treasurer per report to Convention,	\$61 28
23.	" Cash by Rev. Wm. Norwood who will acknowledge particulars in Southern Churchman,	430 56
June 18.	" Cash per Rev. Z. Mead from Misses Crist \$4, Rev. John Towles \$4 50,	8 50
July 20.	" Rev. P. F. Berkeley,	5 00
Aug. 4.	" Rev. Thomas T. Castleman from various persons per Rev. William Norwood,	15 50
Sept. 2.	" Mrs. James Brown, Jr. per Bishop Moore,	2 00
		<u>\$522 84</u>

The above statement of account, with the exception of the last item on the debit side showing the settlement of the balance, is copied from the book of the late Treasurer,

*Richmond, May 12, 1841.*

**WILLIAM WILLIAMS, Treasurer.**

*The Protestant Episcopal Association for the promotion of*  
*Christianity in the Diocese of Virginia,*

*In account with WILLIAM WILLIAMS, Treasurer.*

1841.

Dr.

Mar. 5.	To cash paid Rev. Mr. Woodbridge for postage,	\$00 56
27.	" do. remitted Rev. G. W. Dame, Danville,	100 00
April 20.	" do. paid postages from do. two letters,	37
May 13.	" Balance being cash in Treasurer's hands,	303 91
		<u>\$404 84</u>

1840.

Cr.

Decr. 30.	By cash of Mrs. Elvira A. Bruce, Halifax county, by the Rev. Mr. Woodbridge,	\$20 00
1841.		
Jan'y. 2.	" do. from a young lady in Pittsylvania county, per Mr. Gill,	3 00
"	" do. of George W. Bassett, Esq.,	10 00
"	" do. of Major Smith, Lexington, per Rev. Mr. Woodbridge,	10 00
Feb. 17.	" do. dividends for July 1840, and January 1841, on three shares stock in Farmers Bank of Virginia,	27 00

*Amount carried forward,* \$70 00

1841.	Cr.		
	<i>Amount brought forward,</i>		\$70 00
Mar. 3.	By cash received for three shares stock in Farmers Bank of Virginia		
	sold at \$94 per share,		282 00
5.	" do. per Rev. Mr. Woodbridge from two members of Trinity church, North Garden, Albemarle county,		5 00
April 14.	" do. from late Treasurer, Hilary Baker, deceased, by his son,		32 38
May 12.	" do. " do " "		15 46
			<hr/> \$404 84
May 13.	By balance being cash in Treasurer's hands this day,		<hr/> \$303 91

E. E.

WILLIAM WILLIAMS, *Treasurer.**Richmond May 13, 1841.*

On motion, *ordered*, That the Rev. Alexander Jones and Rev. Philip Slaughter be added to the committee on the "Religious instruction of the colored population."

## PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Rev. W. G. Jackson submitted the following:

The committee appointed to examine the *Parochial Reports*, beg leave to submit the result of their labors—in the discharge of their duty they have taken the liberty of striking from the reports of the Rev. Clergy all extraneous matter. They have admitted in them only such matters of *fact* as are calculated to throw light upon the state of the parishes. The committee have likewise prepared a tabular statement which will show in a condensed form the state of the church in this Diocese. The following clergy have presented no reports: Rev. Josias Clapham, Rev. Edmund Christian, Rev. Jacob Keeling, Rev. William Crawford, Rev. James Doughan, Rev. John W. Woodville. All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. G. JACKSON,  
JOHN METCALFE.

## TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS.

Rev. George Lemmon submitted the following.

The committee appointed to examine the account of the Treasurer, beg leave to report, that they find the same to correspond with the vouchers accompanying it; and have only to notice a slight discrepancy with respect to one item between said account and the Treasurer's account of last year, as reported in the Journal of the Convention of that year.

In the account submitted to the committee, the balance on hand is stated at \$109 79, whereas in the account printed in the Journal of last year, said balance is stated to be \$119 79. This discrepancy is doubtless the result of oversight, of some error in addition to which the most accurate are liable. The balance now in the hand of the Treasurer he reports to be \$568 79, but supposing the account in the Journal to be correct, it is \$578 79.

GEORGE LEMMON, *Chairman.*

*William H. Hubbard, Treasurer, in account with the Episcopal Convention of Virginia.*  
1840. Dr.

May 8.	To balance on hand,		\$109 79
28.	To cash received from Rev. William Norwood, for Convention fund,		7 75
	To cash received from Rev. William Norwood, for Bishops' fund,		3 50
	To cash received from Rev. William Norwood, from Gen. Lewis,		10 00
June 5.	To cash received from Rev. Z. Mead Secretary of the Convention viz.		
	Bishop Meade's receipt for amount paid Cassius Lee on		
	his account,	\$600 00	
	Bishop Meade's receipt for cash paid him for travelling		
	expenses and postage,	100 00	
	John Hood's check,	31 13	
	Cash,	844 33	
			<hr/> 1575 46
8.	To cash received from Rev. J. H. Morrison for Jefferson county,		18 00
	To cash received from Rev. G. W. Dame, Lunenburg,		50
	To cash received from H. Fairfax, Falls church, Fairfax co.		3 00
13.	To cash received from Rev. Z. Mead,		4 00
	To cash received from Bishop Moore, from Accomack county,		10 00

*Amount carried forward,* - - - - \$1749 00

	Amount brought forward,	- - - -	\$1742 00
1840.	Dr.		
June 22.	To cash received from Rev. William Norwood, Monumental church, quota for 1840,	-	76 00
July 29.	To cash received from Capt. Thomas Pettus, Cornwall parish, Charlotte county, for Contingent Fund,	-	6 00
Aug. 11.	To cash received from Rev. A. Shiras, Wickliffe parish, Clarke county,	-	10 00
Decr. 1.	To cash received from Bishop Meade, from Hungars parish, Northampton county, for Contingent Fund for 1839 and 1840,	-	30 00
1841.			
Feb. 25.	To cash received from Rev. Mr. Armstrong, Wheeling, (per Bishop Moore,) quota for 1840, for Contingent Fund,	-	40 00
	To cash received from Rev. Wm. Norwood, for Christ church, Norfolk,	-	59 50

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\$1963 50

May 11.	To cash on hand,	- - - -	568 79
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WILLIAM H. HUBBARD.

1840.	Ca.		
May 16.	By cash paid Bishop Moore, expenses to Norfolk and Portsmouth,	-	\$10 00
	By cash paid Bishop Moore postage since last account,	-	18 00
	By cash paid J. W. Randolph & Co. for Check book,	-	1 25
20.	By cash paid Bishop Meade's order to Rev. William Norwood,	-	20 00
24.	By cash paid Bishop Meade's order to Cassius Lee,	-	600 00
23.	By cash paid Bishop Meade's travelling expenses and Postage,	-	100 00
June 8.	By cash paid Rev. Z. Mead, Secretary, travelling expenses to and from Charlottesville,	-	15 00
	11. By cash paid Bishop Moore, Annual payment by Convention,	-	300 00
	13. By cash paid Rev. Z. Mead, for door keeper of Convention at Charlottesville,	-	10 00
July 15.	By cash paid Rev. Z. Mead, for publication of Journal of 1840 at office of Southern Churchman,	-	173 00
Oct. 10.	By cash paid Bishop Meade per receipt,	-	50 00
Nov. 18.	By cash paid Bishop Moore, hack hire to M. Howell,	-	21 00
Dec. 1.	By cash paid Bishop Meade, expenses per receipt,	-	30 00
	By cash paid discount on New Orleans note (May 20,)	-	25
	By cash paid discount on uncurrent notes (June 6,)	-	1 00
	By cash paid postage on check on Charlestown (June 8,)	-	18
	By cash paid postage on letter from A. Shiras, (August 11,)	-	19
	" " " from Norfolk,	-	50

1841.			
May 11.	By cash paid Bishop Moore, expenses to Convention, Charlottesville 1840,	-	\$10 50
	By cash paid Bishop Moore, expenses to Hanover, in June 1840,	-	2 50
	By cash paid Bishop Moore, expenses to Seminary in Alexandria July 1840,	-	18 00
	By cash paid Bishop Moore, expenses to Cumberland, June 1840,	-	1 50
	By cash paid Bishop Moore expenses to Petersburg, Autumn 1840,	-	4 00
	Postage the past year,	-	10 00
	By Balance,	-	50 25

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\$1963 50

### WIDOWS AND ORPHANS FUND.

Rev. J. E. Jackson presented the following:

The Committee to whom was referred the account of the Treasurer of the "Fund for the relief of the Widows and Orphans of deceased clergymen" of the Episcopal Church in Virginia beg leave to report:

That the account of the Treasurer has received such examination as is in the power of the Committee to make; and it appears that the amount of funds invested is \$10,568 32; and the amount in hand uninvested remaining in the hands of the Treasurer is \$30.

*The Fund for the relief of the Widows and Orphans of deceased  
Clergymen of the Episcopal Church in Virginia,  
With JOHN HOOFF, acting as Treasurer.*

1840.	Dr.	
June 5. To cash paid Hilary Baker, Treasurer, draft to E. I. Lee,	- - -	\$60 00
Aug. 17. To cash paid draft to J. Brockenbrough, President,	- - -	538 91
1841.		
Jan. 20. To cash loaned on note, bearing interest,	- - - - -	487 50
April 2. To cash loaned on note, bearing interest,	- - - - -	273 50
" 20. To cash loaned on note, bearing interest,	- - - - -	294 88
" 20. To cash loaned on note, bearing interest,	- - - - -	200 00
Balance to account,	- - - - -	58 00
		<hr/> \$1912 73

1840.	Cr.	
May 14. By old account for balance,	- - - - -	\$568 91
Aug. 7. By cash on account of loan to Education Society,	- - - - -	250 00
Oct. 1. By cash dividend in Farmers Bank Alexandria, on 147 shares,	- - - - -	220 50
Nov. 7. By cash 6 months interest on bond \$1600,	- - - - -	48 00
Dec. 19. By cash dividend Bank Potomac, for May, 1840, 4 shares,	- - - - -	12 00
Dec. 19. By cash dividend Bank Potomac, for Nov. 1840, 4 shares,	- - - - -	10 00
1841.		
April 2. By cash dividend Farmers Bank Alexandria, 147 shares,	- - - - -	220 50
" 20. By cash on account of loan,	- - - - -	487 50
" 20. By cash 3 months interest on do.	- - - - -	7 32
" 28. By cash 6 months interest on bond, \$1600,	- - - - -	48 00
May 2. By cash dividend Bank Potomac on 4 shares,	- - - - -	10 00
		<hr/> \$1912 73

1841.		
May 10. By balance in acting Treasurer's hands,	- - - - -	\$58 00
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J. HOOFF, Acting Treasurer.

The funds are as follows:

147 shares Farmers Bank of Alexandria, at par,	- - - - -	\$7350 00
4 shares Bank Potomac, at par,	- - - - -	400 00
1 share Bank Virginia, at par,	- - - - -	100 00
Notes and Bonds on interest,	- - - - -	9718 32
		<hr/> \$10,568 32
Cash on hand,	- - - - -	58 00
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5 shares Bank of Alexandria stock, value uncertain,	- - - - -	\$10,626 32
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J. E. JACKSON, Chairman.

Mr. Hugh Hamilton presented his credentials as Lay Delegate from St. James' Church, Culpeper, and took his seat in the Convention.

#### THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AND HIGH SCHOOL.

Rev. Alexander Jones read the following reports, all of which were subsequently received and adopted.

#### REPORT.

The Trustees of the Episcopal Theological Seminary and High School in Virginia, report, that through the good providence of God, the Institutions under their direction, are in a condition so prosperous, as to call for the devout thankfulness of the Church in Virginia. Though still needing the liberal benefactions of the Church for their full completion, they are unincumbered by debt, and are admirably fulfilling the holy and exalted purposes for which they were founded. The blessing of God has most evidently rested upon them, and they give the happy promise of not only being the nurseries of our Church, but of extending its influence and blessings to every part of the state of Virginia. Already are decayed and waste places revived, renewed and improved by heralds of the cross instructed and prepared

at one of these institutions, and even beyond the limits of the Diocese, the sons of this school of the Prophets, are filling high stations in the Church, and also proclaiming the truths of the glorious Gospel of the grace of God upon the shores of foreign and distant lands. The great Missionary enterprise, undertaken by many of those whom the Church in Virginia has nursed and educated, has thus, by her, been most nobly sustained, and we trust her love and zeal will, in these respects, as in others, abound yet more and more.

The Theological Seminary as will be seen by the annexed reports of Faculty and Professors has a large increase in the number of its students. It will also there be seen that the students have pursued their prescribed studies with commendable diligence and progress. They have now the additional assistance of the Rev. Dr. Sparrow, whose valuable services the trustees have succeeded in obtaining and have elected him to fill the Professorship of Ecclesiastical History. The Trustees knowing the gentleman they have selected to be eminently qualified for his duties, consider his appointment as an important accession to the Seminary, and believe it will conduce to its increased success. The Theological Seminary of Virginia, having now four well qualified Professors, and presenting ample means for acquiring a thorough education for the ministry of the Gospel, at an expense not so great as some, and lower than any others possessing the same advantages, stands upon an equal footing with any other Institution of the kind belonging to the American Protestant Episcopal Church, and it should continue to claim the deep interest and earnest prayers of the Diocese of Virginia.

In their report respecting the High School the Trustees have great cause to recommend sincere gratitude to the giver of every good and perfect gift.

When this school was last presented to the notice of the Convention, the experiment was just begun, the number of its pupils was small, and its buildings and accommodations were imperfect and contracted. Now the Trustees having the experience of another year, can with confidence report that the experiment works well. They have been enabled, without incurring any debt, to add a large and commodious building to those originally purchased, and to provide them with every necessary convenience. The number of scholars is now as large as they have provided for, or have contemplated receiving—it is one hundred and one. Of the whole number that has been received, twenty have been confirmed and seven more are candidates for that Apostolic rite. Having attended the recent examinations, they have been much gratified with the proficiency of the young gentlemen in their studies, and feel perfectly satisfied that their instructors have used great care and faithfulness in their attention to their pupils.

Thus the great purpose had in view in the establishment by the Church of this important Institution has been obtained. Our youths, the children of the Church, receive an education suitable for the business of life, under the efficacious influences of our holy religion, without the dangers too generally attached to Seminaries of learning in our land. The Church still acts as their faithful and tender guardian, and the enemy which "goeth about as a roaring lion" tears them not away from her bosom. For the course of study and other particulars, the Convention is referred to the annexed report of the principal, the Rev. W. N. Pendleton. Dr. Sparrow as will be seen by that report, is to give a large portion of his time to the High School. This accords with the intention of the Trustees, and has their approval.

The Trustees conclude their report with a brief and general statement of the funds of the Theological Seminary. They are all invested in good stocks and bonds, and amount to \$38,630. Balance of cash on hand with the Treasurer \$146 64.

The Faculty of the Seminary, respectfully report, that during the present session the persons whose names follow have become members of the Institution, viz:

Alexander J. Berger, candidate in Maryland.		
Jno. H. Bosley,	"	"
Wm. H. Good,	"	Virginia.
Wm. H. Pendleton,	"	"
Geo. B. Denison,	"	Pennsylvania.
H. M. Denison,	"	"
John B. Richmond,	"	Rhode Island.
Edmund Withers,	"	Virginia.
Carter Page,	"	"
Chas. Gillett,	"	"
Geo. T. Wilmer,	"	"
Henry T. Heister,	"	Pennsylvania.
Samuel P. Nash,	"	"
A. T. McMurphy,	"	Ohio.
H. B. Bartow, of New York.		
Milo Mahan, of Virginia.		
R. M. White, of New York.		



All whom are members of the Junior Class, except Mr. Bosley, who has dissolved his connection with the Seminary, and is pursuing his studies privately.

Mr. Herbert Morris, a candidate in Virginia, a member of the Middle Class.

Edw. Lounsberry, candidate in Virginia.

Alanson Phelps, " Ohio.

M. Macfarland, " Virginia.

All whom are members of the Senior Class, except M. Macfarland, ordained in April last.

The whole number of Students at present is thirty-nine.

Senior Class 8,

Middle Class 14,

Junior Class 17.

All which is respectfully submitted.

By order of the Faculty,

E. R. LIPPITT, *Secretary*.

#### REPORT OF THE PROFESSOR OF SYSTEMATIC DIVINITY AND TEACHER OF PULPIT ELOQUENCE.

*To the President of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary of Virginia:*

The undersigned, Professor of Systematic Divinity and Teacher of Pulpit Eloquence in the Seminary, would beg leave respectfully to report, that he has pursued the same course of instruction the present session as heretofore, and that the Students under his care, have in general, been punctual in their attendance on the various exercises, and he trusts have made good progress in their studies and preparation for the work of the ministry.

RUEL KEITH.

#### REPORT OF THE PROFESSOR OF CHURCH POLITY, &C.

During the current session I have instructed the Senior Class in Church Polity, making use of the text books heretofore enumerated in my annual report to the Trustees. At present the class is reading the fifth book of Hooker's Ecclesiastical Polity. I had the Middle Class under my charge in Ecclesiastical History until the arrival of Dr. Sparrow. The class had advanced to the period of the Reformation. I design to complete the course of Church Polity, and to give to the Senior Class an abridged course of instruction in Pastoral Theology.

E. R. LIPPITT.

#### REPORT OF THE PROFESSOR OF BIBLICAL LITERATURE.

The Professor of Biblical Literature begs leave to submit a similar report to the one made last year. The class under his charge have pursued the prescribed studies, and made the usual progress. Through the good providence of God, he has been enabled to discharge punctually his duties. The Middle Class have, in Greek, read the Epistles to the Romans and Hebrews, and the Pastoral Epistles to Timothy and Titus. In Hebrew they have studied the Prophecies of the Messiah.

The Junior Class have critically read the Greek Harmony of the New Testament, together with the New Testament Grammar of Professor Stuart. It is expected that they will finish the Harmony by the close of the Session.

In Hebrew they have studied the Hebrew Grammar of Professor Stuart, and select passages from the Pentateuch, together with many of the Psalms.

They have read an amount in the Historical books equivalent to the whole of Genesis. They also have been regularly examined on the principles of Interpretation and Hebrew Antiquities, having gone through the works of Ernesti and Jahn on those subjects.

They have read Critical Essays on the principal difficulties and apparent discrepancies of the Evangelists, and been orally lectured on the most important subjects in the department, and referred to the best means of information.

I would only add that a private class has been formed for the study of the Psalms, which is read about forty.

All which is respectfully submitted.

J. PACKARD.

#### REPORT OF THE PROFESSOR OF ECCLESIASTICAL HISTORY.

The Professor of Ecclesiastical History would respectfully report to the Board of Trustees, that about a week after his arrival in Alexandria, he commenced his duties in the Seminary. As however the interval since then has been but four weeks, he can do little more than state, that his work has been begun, and at the point where his respected predecessor left it. He hopes at some future day to be more particular in rendering an account of his duties to the Board.

Respectfully submitted.

## REPORT

OF THE REV. W. N. PENDLETON, PRINCIPAL OF THE HIGH SCHOOL.

*To the Board of Trustees of the Episcopal Theological Seminary and High School of Virginia:*

In cheerful compliance with a duty devolving on me at this season, I submit to you the following report of the progress and condition of the Institution over which I preside.

At the time of the report which I submitted twelve months ago on a similar occasion, this institution then, but recently begun, was in operation on only a limited scale, though as was mentioned, measures were in progress towards the more complete system which is now established. It was my privilege then to announce, in connection with the prospects of the School and the system in operation, the cheering intelligence that the divine blessing had been signally manifested towards the incipient enterprise, in the direction of a kind Providence, whereby an unusual number of well trained and worthy youths, had been brought together as the first pupils of the Institution, and in the gracious visitation of that Holy Spirit which impresses human hearts with a conviction of sin, of righteousness and of judgment to come, and which guides to a saving knowledge of the truth as it is in our Lord Jesus Christ. The extent of that blessed influence could not then be reported with accuracy. I feared to speak of more than ten as expected to take their stand on the Lord's side, but the event proved better than that fear. Twenty out of the thirty youths then with us, after a sufficient period of examination and probation, were at the close of the session in July last, admitted to the rite of confirmation, and sealed their profession of the Saviour's service by receiving the Holy Communion: and I rejoice to be able to add that they have without any serious exception, continued to live up to the present time agreeably to their holy profession.

Previous to the close of the last session in July an examination was held, at which some of your body were present, and which it is perhaps just for me here to mention as having been singularly satisfactory in evincing no ordinary skill and fidelity on the part of the teachers, who, under divine providence were associated with me.

During the summer the large building designed for the accommodation of the members of the school, was completed, and by the 1st October arrangements were sufficiently matured for the reception of one hundred pupils. It was found that reasonable accommodations could be furnished for that number, and although a less number had been contemplated, yet it seemed to be impracticable, in doing what appeared to be right, and what was believed to be the intention of the Trustees, to exclude many worthy and importunate applicants so long as there was room for them. One hundred were therefore engaged; additional teachers of good report were also employed, and on the first of October, the second year of our Institution under happy auspices—its organization consisting of myself, with five regular assistants, as instructors and governors, and of one hundred students of various ages, from twelve years up to man's estate, and of like variety of mental attainments.

Cheered by the success, through the smiles of Heaven, of the preceding year, we entered upon the graver and more arduous duties of the second year—with diffidence encouraged by hope, and although, as it must occur to the thoughtful and experienced, such a work could not progress without many difficulties, trials, cares and anxieties to those conducting it, yet again is it my great privilege to inform you of my conviction that our work has not been in vain, and that blessings from on High still attend us.

One of the first events of importance which occurred after the opening of the session, was the death of an interesting youth from Petersburg. He had brought with him the seeds of disease, was unwell when he arrived, and though assiduously attended from the first moment when his indisposition was known, he never recovered. This dispensation distressing to us, and more full of sorrow to his immediate friends, was doubtless designed by the Almighty for good—and it was, we have reason to believe, the means of deeply impressing the hearts of some of our number. From that time a growing seriousness was observable in one and another, and another, and as the session has advanced several have been led to godly repentance and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. Perhaps some will present themselves for confirmation on the ensuing Sunday, and two others, who within the present session have been turned to the Lord—have been called away to other situations, by what seemed to be the bidding of duty. Besides these there is reason to believe that not a few others have been taught solemn lessons of reflection, by the affecting dispensation spoken of, and by other providences which they have witnessed during the year; and that through the instrumentality of scriptural truth, so fully opened to them daily and weekly; and by means of habitual devotions which they attend and share, the Holy Spirit is effectually impressing and enlightening their minds.

Considering the number of pupils, and the unyielding principles of our government, serious punishments have been very rare during the session, and a very gratifying spirit of subordination and harmony has prevailed in the Institution, and we hope it is a result of endeavoring to practice in our administration, the wisdom and love set forth in the Bible.

The following is a list of the various subjects and authors studied during the session, by different classes:

IN LATIN.	IN GREEK.	IN MATHEMATICS.
Tacitus,	Demosthenes,	Davie's Analytical Geometry,
Juvenal,	Xenophon's Memorabilia,	Davie's Legendre's Geometry,
Horace,	Homer,	Davie's Trigonometry, plain and spherical,
Cicero,	Greek Testament,	Davie's Boardman's Algebra, several classes,
Livy,	Xenophon's Anabasis,	Davie's Algebra lessons, do.
Virgil,	Græca Minora,	Davie's Arithmetic, do.
Sallust,	Greek lessons,	
Ovid,		
Cæsar,	IN NATURAL PHILOSOPHY.	IN ASTRONOMY.
Viri Romæ,	1 class 2d vol. Arnott's Physics,	1st class, Herschell's Treatise.
Latin Grammar,	" 1st. vol. "	IN HISTORY.
		1st class, Worcester's Elements.

Besides these, the forenoon of every Saturday has been devoted to the instruction of all the members of the school, divided into six classes, one for each instructor, in composition, reading, writing, spelling, geography, &c. &c.; the text books used for composition being Parker's Exercises, and Frost's Exercises; and that in Geography being generally Malte Brun. During Passion Week also, all of sufficient maturity were made to study and recite suitable tracts on the evidences of Christianity. Most of the classes using Bishop Porteus' tract, while those who had studied that last year, on this occasion used Soame Jenyns on the internal evidence of the Bible.

The Church Catechism, and the Bible, have been regularly used for Sunday instruction in Bible classes.

In addition to these stated and regular studies, a Foreigner was employed for several months to instruct in French, and a professed and skilful master was employed to teach writing.

With what fidelity and success instruction has been given in the different subjects, it may be more fit for you to judge from the examination conducted in your presence, than for me here to declare. I will only say, that it is my honest conviction, a more than usual faithfulness of purpose has animated the instructors. While I am persuaded also that in the main a commendable spirit of diligence has prevailed among the students, although an unworthy indolence has, doubtless, retarded the progress of some of them.

The health of the members of this Institution has been generally good during the session, and the arrangement of the building seems well adapted to promote that important object. The experience of the past has shown however the advisableness of having suitable provision made for the exercise of the youths here assembled, particularly in bad weather, and I therefore suggest the propriety of having erected a Gymnasium, with appropriate arrangements for the most beneficial kind of exercise.

It is of course already known to you that the Rev. Dr. Sparrow has accepted the invitation to become a Professor in the Seminary, and to give to the High School an important part of the benefit of his instructions. The department of Mental and Moral Philosophy will come under his especial attention, and on one of these he will enter immediately after this Convention.

The foregoing including, I believe, all matters of importance which I have to communicate, is respectfully submitted with the fervent prayer that the Almighty may be pleased to preside with a guardian and directing care over your higher and our humbler agency in this interesting Institution.

W. N. PENDLETON, *Principal*.

Rev. Mr. Woodbridge presented the following Report of the Protestant Episcopal Association for the promotion of Christianity in Virginia.

#### REPORT

*Of the Protestant Episcopal Association for the promotion of Christianity in Virginia.*

During the last year the Committee have employed as missionaries, the Rev. R. T. Brown, in Rappahannock county, to whom they have given \$150; the Rev. D. M. Fackler, in Lynnhaven Parish, Princess Ann, \$100; the Rev. James B. Goodwin, at Point Pleasant, \$125; the Rev. James H. McMechin, Clarksburg, \$100; the Rev. Geo. W. Dame, in Danville, \$100; the Rev. S. W. Crampton, in Hampshire, \$100; and the Rev. James M. Cofer, at Abingdon, \$250.

The Committee feel that they have sustained a great loss in the death of the late Mr. Baker. He took a deep interest in this Society of which he was the Treasurer. To supply the vacancy occasioned by his death they have elected Mr. William Williams.

All which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. WOODBRIDGE, *Secretary*.

Gen. Lewis, from the Committee on the Episcopal Fund, presented the following Report:

The Committee on the Episcopal Fund have performed the duty assigned them, and beg leave to report, that they have received from the Wardens of Christ Church, Alexandria, the annexed statement, which they beg leave to make a part of their report.

S. H. LEWIS,  
GEO. WOODBRIDGE.

The Church Wardens of Christ Church, Alexandria, Fairfax parish, Trustees of Bishops permanent fund, state that there was of this fund in April, 1840, one hundred and two shares of the Farmers Bank Stock. The April half yearly dividend was one hundred and fifty-three dollars. The October dividend was one hundred and fifty seven dollars and fifty cents. That since then, three shares of the stock of this Bank has been added—making the present number one hundred and five shares.

As the last report the number of shares in the Bank of Potomac, was six, valued at six hundred dollars. Since then two more shares of this Bank have been purchased, making the number eight, valued at eight hundred dollars. The dividend received from the shares in this Bank is thirty-five dollars—leaving to be still vested forty-five dollars.

The whole amount of the fund producing an interest, payable semi-annually, is six thousand and fifty dollars, besides forty-five dollars to be vested, making in all six thousand and ninety-five dollars.

The stock in the Bank of Alexandria, amounting to \$1800, does not produce any dividend. The Trustees have not, as yet, been able to dispose of it. It is believed, it will not be entirely lost.

EDM. I. LEE, }  
H. CLAGETT, } *Church Wardens.*

The following Report from the Committee on Finance was presented by Gen. Lewis, read, and adopted:

The Committee of Finance, have, according to order, performed the duty assigned them, with as much attention and care, as the very limited portion of time in which they have had to act, would allow them; some of the returns from the parishes and the report of the Treasurer of the Diocese, having only come into their hands since noon to-day, (Saturday) and beg leave to report:

That the balance in the hands of the Treasurer on the 25th February last was	\$568 79
That the Contributions to the Contingent Fund during the present session of the Convention from the several parishes amounts to	1,986 67
	<u>\$2,555 46</u>

The contributions from the several parishes were as follows:

Antrim parish, Halifax, - - - - -	50 00
Abingdon and Ware parish, Gloucester, - - - - -	24 00
Bath parish, Dinwiddie, - - - - -	20 00
Berkeley parish, Spotsylvania, - - - - -	14 00
Boyden parish, Augusta, - - - - -	10 00
Bloomfield parish, Madison, - - - - -	10 50
Buck Mountain, Albemarle, - - - - -	7 50
Botetourt parish, Botetourt, - - - - -	15 00
Bruton parish, Williamsburg, - - - - -	26 50
Bruton parish, (balance on last year,) - - - - -	27 00
Cumberland parish, Lunenburg, - - - - -	23 00
Christ church, Norfolk, - - - - -	121 50
Christ church, Alexandria, - - - - -	65 00
Church at Old Point, - - - - -	3 00
Christ church, Lancaster, - - - - -	16 00
Christ church, Winchester, - - - - -	39 27
Cople parish, Westmoreland, - - - - -	11 00
Christ church, Richmond, - - - - -	37 50
Ditenger parish, Prince William, - - - - -	14 25
Dale parish, Chesterfield, - - - - -	17 50
Amount carried forward, - - - - -	<u>\$552 52</u>



Your committee have had no means of ascertaining what are the expenditures of the current year, but they have no doubt that the balance on hand will be sufficient to defray them.

The committee have not had time since the reports have come into their hands to compare the contributions by the several parishes with the quotas which were severally due by them, according to their numerical strength, but presume from the aggregate amount received that they are generally correct, or nearly so. Several of the parishes have not forwarded any contribution at all, and your committee cannot forbear to express the hope, that the delinquent parishes will take the earliest opportunity to remit to the Treasurer (Mr. William H. Hubbard, Richmond) whatever may be due from them.

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. LEWIS, *Chairman*.

On motion of Mr. P. A. Bolling, *Resolved*, that the Treasurer of this Diocese be directed and required to refund to the clergymen who published the Canons, &c., the amount expended by them in the publication of said Canons, of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, and of this Diocese, over and above the amount realized by them by the sale of the same, and that the residue of the Canons on hand be delivered to the Secretary of the Convention for gratuitous distribution.

On motion, the proceedings of the Standing Committee were read by Mr. Edmund I. Lee, one of the members thereof.

On motion, *Resolved*, that the following gentlemen be appointed the Executive Committee of the Protestant Episcopal Association for the promotion of Christianity in Virginia: viz. Rt. Rev. R. C. Moore, D. D., Rt. Rev. Wm. Meade, D. D., Rev. N. H. Cobbs, Rev. George Woodbridge, Rev. Wm. V. Bowers, Rev. William Norwood, and Mr. William Williams.

*Resolved*, That Mr. William Williams be appointed the Treasurer of the Protestant Episcopal Association for the promotion of Christianity in Virginia.

*Resolved*, That the Rev. George Woodbridge be appointed Secretary of the Protestant Episcopal Association for the promotion of Christianity in Virginia.

Mr. E. T. Tayloe offered the following which was also adopted:

*Resolved*, That the 26th rule be amended by striking out the words "*be by him read to the Convention, and if it shall appear that there is any doubt as to the right of any delegate to his seat*"—so that said rule shall then read as follows:

The credentials of the Lay delegates shall be handed in to the Secretary, and the same shall be referred to the committee of elections, to be by said committee forthwith examined into and reported to the Convention.

On motion, the Convention now went into an election for delegates to the General Convention—the Rev. Charles Mann and Mr. P. A. Bolling were appointed tellers, who having examined the votes, reported the following named gentlemen as elected: viz. Rev. N. H. Cobbs, Rev. Dr. Keith, Rev. William Norwood, Rev. Alexander Jones, Mr. S. H. Lewis, Mr. Philip Williams, Mr. Edmund I. Lee, Mr. E. T. Tayloe.

The Convention then proceeded to the election of the Standing Committee for the ensuing year.

The Rev. J. E. Jackson and Dr. Winston were appointed tellers, who reported the following gentlemen as elected: viz. Rev. R. Keith, D. D., Rev. E. R. Lippitt, Rev. Charles B. Dana, Mr. Edmund I. Lee, Mr. John Hoff, Dr. O. Fairfax.

The Rev. Dr. Empie from the Committee on the State of the Church presented and read the following report.

The Committee on the State of the Church beg leave to present the following Report:

The general condition of the Diocese remaining substantially the same as when last reported, your Committee find on that point but little that it falls legitimately within their pro-

vince to notice. For that the divine blessing is still vouchsafed us, that the Church is gradually extending herself, and that religion in its outward forms, and as we think in its ameliorating and sanctifying influence, is still to a large extent winning its way through the State, is quite evident from the cheering intelligence contained in the parochial reports, and the statements of our Right Rev. Fathers who preside over the Diocese.

In this connection, however, three facts appear to us to deserve especial notice, and we bring them out prominently to view, in hope that the consideration of them may lead to profitable results. Otherwise, amid the mass of our documents, they might escape notice, or fail to make the desired impression.

One of the facts to which we refer is, that in several parishes, parsonages have been erected for the benefit of the Rector. This augurs well for the cause of religion among us, and we invoke the attention of the Diocese to this point,—for a well settled clergy will do away the complaint of a “clergy perpetually on the wing,” and when we consider the small revenues, and the often large families of our ministers generally, parsonages will appear a truly valuable perquisite. The above fact evidences, too as far as it goes, a healthful state of feeling on the part of the friends of the Church. Prudence, and benevolent and enlightened piety unite therefore in saying, “go and do thou likewise.”

The second fact to which your Committee advert with much pleasure, is the effort that has been made in several instances to secure regular religious instruction to a portion of our colored race, and the pleasing prospect thereby afforded of ameliorating the spiritual condition of that part of our population. Judicious efforts perseveringly used in this matter have in most instances been evidently attended with God’s blessing. But whether we see the fruit of our labor or not, the duty of making the effort remains equally imperative upon all whom God has entrusted with that species of property, and the Church cannot but call upon all her members, in tones of unwonted earnestness, to remember that God has in his providence placed them dependants, as well as our children, under our care, control and guardianship, and that if their souls perish through our neglect, their blood will be found in our skirts, and required at our hands. Oh, that all christian masters and mistresses, may be brought practically to remember the account which, on this head, they will have to render of their stewardship to Him, “with whom there is no respect of persons.”

Among the tokens of God’s favor to our Church, calling for special recognition, and deserving of notice in a report on the “state of religion in this Diocese,” it becomes us especially to mention the flourishing condition of our “School of the Prophets,” and the awakening and converting energies of divine grace with which the great Head of the Church appears to have favored our High School—our Diocesan nursery for the Church and for heaven. He has thus smiled upon our effort to *christianize the whole course of education*, and taught us where to begin if we would through his blessing effectually reform both the Church and the land. Well may the whole Church most devoutly implore its divine Head to bless both these institutions, to dispose all their members to remember now their Creator in the days of their youth, and to keep faithful unto death all those who already have openly professed his service.

From the preceding statements it sufficiently appears that the loving kindness of our God calls upon us for our annual, and our daily tribute of thanksgiving to the great Head of the Church, the source of all our blessings. Let us remember that we are equally called upon to evince our gratitude by the less questionable evidence of a *life devoted to his service*.

But in the condition of man, and in the course of divine providence, good and evil, the judgments and mercies of the Lord are mysteriously and graciously blended, and while we see abundant cause for increased thankfulness, there is still enough to call for deep humiliation, as well as for augmented diligence and circumspection. For the spirit of slumber has settled upon some of our people, and some find too much reason to complain of coldness and formality. Too much of a worldly spirit is still prevalent among those who are called by the name of Christ, and the ways of Zion often mourn. It is alas! but too obvious that our outward, and even our spiritual prosperity is not incompatible with the prevalence of an alarming degree of wickedness and impiety in the great masses of community, and that those who live within our own pale must come in for a share of “the transgression of the land;” that “lies heavy” upon it. The evidences that God has a controversy with our nation, and that therefore for many years past he has been visiting us with a variety of his judgments, are as unequivocal as are the evidences of our national guilt, and though we do not believe that wrath has gone out against us more than against others, yet whatever indications there may be of spiritual prosperity, it becomes our clergy and people habitually to humble themselves before the Lord, to search for the accursed things in order to remove them, and to endeavor, each in his sphere, to extend in all directions, the hallowed influences of our holy religion, that we may become a people fearing God and working righteousness, and that the great ruler of nations may cease to afflict us with his judgments.

Lastly, that “in the midst of judgment God remembers mercy,” your committee think sufficiently evinced by the fact that, though as a punishment for her religious declension, and a warning to “repent and do her first works,” He has seen fit to permit the spirit of

error and popery under the guise of suitable "tracts for the times," to array itself against the Church, yet he has been graciously pleased to save the Church of Virginia from the infection of this plague. For though a few may have been in doubt as to the dangerous tendency of Oxfordism, it has now, by the good providence of our God, been so fully developed, that the ignorant and unguarded are no longer in much danger of being caught in the enemy's snare.

In this we cannot but see the hand of heaven, and the distinguishing goodness of God to our Zion, and this calls upon us for gratitude, while it warns us to exercise increased vigilance against the wiles of the adversary." And as some around us may look for our "hiding," and stand ready to reproach us with secret leanings towards popery, and with having departed from the genuine principles of the Protestant faith, your committee think it proper in self-defence, and due to the cause of Protestant truth, and real godliness to say distinctly that the Church in Virginia, disclaims all sympathy with the Oxford Tract system, and denounces it as containing some of the worst doctrinal errors of Popery—we are obviously called upon too with increased zeal and fidelity to rally around our standards, to study more thoroughly the principles of the glorious reformation, to exercise redoubled vigilance against the prevailing errors of the age, and to make ourselves more fully acquainted with the hydra heresies, superstitions and abominations of that corrupt Church, from which we have been happily delivered, and with whose worse than "beggary elements," some who call themselves Protestants, have recently become so much enamored.

Your committee also cannot but invoke the attention of the members of the Convention, and through them the attention of all the friends and members of the Church in the Diocese, to the subject of Diocesan Missions. Our poor destitute brethren within the state are every where crying out for help, and perishing for lack of knowledge.

Application has been made elsewhere for assistance, and though we had a right to expect it, it has been refused. It becomes therefore the duty of the friends of our Zion to step forward for the relief of those who belong to their own "household of faith," and we would respectfully urge this duty upon them with all the zeal and earnestness of which we are master. If we do not wish to incur God's own censure upon those who provide not for the members of their own household, we must now direct the course of our charities to the wants of our own Diocese. Nor can we fail to do so, in the judgment of your committee, without neglecting a most important duty. Our "Protestant Episcopal Association for the promotion of Christianity in Virginia" is loudly crying out for help. God put it into the hearts of our people liberally and immediately to fly to the rescue.

In fine, as our Rt. Rev. Assistant Bishop, in a state of health greatly impaired by his unweary and exhausting labors, is about to travel abroad in pursuit of more vigorous health—affection and duty concur in prompting us to invoke upon him the divine blessing, and recommend him to the special protection of Almighty God, and to pray that with re-invigorated health and strength, he may in due time restore him to his loved duties, and his diocesan home. All of which is now respectfully submitted,

A. EMPIE, *Chairman.*

The report having been read, and a motion being made and seconded, that the same be adopted—a discussion ensued which continued until 3 P. M., when a motion for a recess prevailed, and the Convention adjourned until half past 4 o'clock.

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## SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

The Convention re-assembled agreeably to adjournment—Rt. Rev. Assistant Bishop presiding.

The report from the Committee on the State of the Church being under consideration, it was moved and seconded to recommit said report, with instructions to strike out so much thereof as relates to the Oxford Tracts. This motion produced an animated discussion which lasted until near night, when the question to recommit was taken and determined in the negative by a very large majority.



The question on the adoption of the report was then put and carried by a corresponding vote.

On motion, *ordered*, That when this Convention adjourn, it adjourn to meet at STAUNTON.

On motion of Mr. P. A. Bolling,

*Resolved*, That so many of the Assistant Bishop's sermon, preached at the consecration of the Rt. Rev. Bishop Elliott, as remain on hand, be placed by the Convention in the hands of the Secretary, to be transmitted *pro rata*, to the different parishes with the Journal, and be paid for out of the Contingent Fund.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention are due, and they are hereby tendered to the citizens of Alexandria for their kindness and hospitality to the members of this Convention.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered, through the Rev. Mr. Johnston and the Rev. Mr. Dana to the Trustees of the Lyceum for the use of the same, and to the several religious denominations for the use of their houses of worship, which they kindly offered.

*Resolved*, That the Secretary be authorized to pay the postage of the Journals for such of the Clergy as request it.

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer be directed to pay the expenses of the Secretary in attending this Convention.

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer pay the door keeper of this Convention \$10.

*Resolved*, That the Secretary have 1,800 copies of the Journal of this Convention published for distribution among the parishes.

After a concluding prayer by the Rt. Rev. Assistant Bishop, the Convention adjourned.

RICHARD CHANNING MOORE,  
*President of the Convention.*

BENJAMIN M. MILLER, *Secretary.*

## APPENDIX.

### PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

*Abington and Ware parishes.*—Charles Mann, Rector.—Communicants, added 1; died 1; total 48; Baptisms, white, infant 1; Confirmations 2; Marriages two; Funerals, infants 2; adult 1—total 3; Sunday school 1.

Amount collected for different institutions connected with the church but not in the parish \$112 82.

*Albemarle.*—James Chisholm, Missionary—I commenced at the first of the year, holding meetings of the servants at houses of worship, one of which is erected on each of the plantations at which I have preached. I have attended, when the weather would permit, at two of the stations on each Lord's day. At these meetings decorum and good order have prevailed, and though I have not witnessed indications of special interest on the subject of religion, yet the attention with which the Gospel is listened to, affords encouragement to the hope that by some it is truly received.

*Astoria parish.*—J. Grammer, Rector.—Communicants, added 1, removed 1—total 40; Baptisms, white infants 5; Marriages 4; Funerals, white 4 and one out of the parish; colored 3—total 8; amount collected for the different institutions of the church \$180 50.

*Bayden parish, Augusta.*—This young parish was formed a few years ago, in the expectation that with the aid of a few members of the church in the neighborhood of Port Republic in Rockingham, it would be able to support a Minister, but within a few years past several of their friends most able and willing to contribute towards this desirable object, have either died or removed, so that the parish is unable to support a Minister. The Rev. Joseph D. Tyler, the President of the Deaf and Dumb Institution at Staunton, has kindly preached at the chapel once a fortnight, though he has not assumed the character of rector of the parish. He has baptized two adults during the past year. It is uncertain, as yet, whether he will be able to continue his labors in the parish for the future. There are perhaps from 15 to 20 Communicants in the parish.

S. H. LEWIS, *Lay Delegate.*

*Botetourt parish, Botetourt and Roanoke counties.*—D. M. Wharton, Rector.—Communicants, added 3, one of whom from another parish—total 23; Baptisms, infants 8; Marriages 2. The number of communicants in this parish has been reduced since the last report. This is owing to the formation of the parish of Woodville, within the bounds of which are now included 8 of our former number. The amount contributed to religious objects during the past year has been very small. A long indisposition prevents the Rector's attendance at the Convention.

*Brunton parish, Williamsburg.*—William Hodges, Rector.—Communicants added 10; (4 from other parishes,) removed 2; withdrawn 2; total 60, (9 of which are colored)—Baptisms, adults 117; Infants, white 13; colored 1—total 131; Confirmations 3; Marriages, white 5; colored and free 5; colored and slaves 1—total 11; Funerals, white 12; colored 18—total 30.†

The extensive repairs of the house of worship in this parish are now completed, and in addition to the expenses incurred in said repairs, the congregation have contributed to the

\* These have not yet been admitted to the communion.

† The larger number of them are among other denominations of Christians, several of them in the adjoining counties.

benevolent objects of the church, \$106 75. There are two Sunday schools connected with this parish, one for white and the other for colored children. The attendance on the former varies from 30 to 50 children, on the latter from 60 to 150. The instruction given to the colored children is of course oral.

*Camden parish, Pittsylvania, and St. Patrick's parish, Prince Edward.*—George W. Dame, Rector.—Baptisms, infants, white 3; Marriages 1; Funerals 1.

I removed from St. Patrick's parish to this place the first of August last. As the parish is large, comprehending Pittsylvania, Franklin and Henry, and as so many of our Sundays have been rainy, it has been impossible for me to ascertain the number of families attached to our church. I preach at Danville and at Competition twice a month, and on the 5th Sunday at St. Andrew's church in the lower part of the parish. I am also enabled by the assistance of brothers Grammer and Clark to procure regular preaching at St. Andrew's church the third Sunday of every month. We have not yet been able to put up our church building in this place. We have about \$1500 subscribed, but it will require a good deal more to answer our purpose. St. Patrick's parish, P. Edward. Funerals 1.

*Christ Church, Alexandria D. C., Fairfax parish.*—Charles B. Dana, Rector.—Communicants, added 2, (8 of whom are from other Cures) removed 8; died 3—total 140; Baptisms, children, white 27; colored 9—total 36; Confirmations 18; Marriages 2; Funerals 8; number of families 80. Amount contributed to various benevolent institutions and other objects connected with the Church upwards of \$1600.

*Christ Church, Norfolk.*—Upton Beall, Rector.—Communicants—number last reported 241; removed 6; died 5; added 13—present number 243; Baptisms, infants 32; adult 1—total 33; Marriages 10; Funerals, infants 5, adults 3—total 8; Contributions for institutions connected with the church \$2953 73.

*Centurion Church, Elizabeth City parish,* at Old Point, Fortress Monroe.—M. L. Chevers, Rector.—Communicants removed 1—total 6; Marriages 2; contributions \$9 75. The Sunday school is in successful operation. A large and interesting congregation of colored persons assemble for public worship on each Sunday night.

*St. John's Church, Hampton.*—M. L. Chevers, Rector.—Communicants died 2, added 4—total 16; Baptisms, infants, white 6, colored 3—total 9; Confirmations 5, (all of whom are communicants) contributions to benevolent objects \$19 07.

*Christ Church parish, Lancaster.*—William Bryant, Rector.—Communicants added 6, (3 from other parishes) died 3, present number 30; Baptisms, adults 2, infants, white 1, colored 9—total 12; Confirmations 2; Marriages 3; Funerals 4.

Amount collected for the church \$62. Some valuable improvements have been made at the parsonage, and other improvements are in contemplation to be made with the aid of a legacy, devoted to this object by a deceased member at the White Chapel church.

I would here remark that this legacy which could not be reached by a process at law, was promptly made good to us by the executors, in carrying out in every particular the will of their departed brother.

*Christ Church, Newport parish, Isle of Wight.*—Thomas Smith, Rector.—The Rector reports, Baptisms 8—six colored and 2 white children; deaths 12, seven colored and 5 white; Confirmations 3, colored. Communicants, added 4, colored—dead, 1 white; present number 41—37 white and 4 colored. The Librarian reports no increase in the parish or Sunday school libraries. The Superintendent of our very flourishing Sunday school reports as follows—male teachers 5, female 10—male scholars 25, female 30, in all 70.

*Suffolk parish, Nansemond county.*—T. Smith, Rector.—Baptisms 5 white infants; communicants dead 1—present number 5; contributions \$9. In connection with regular monthly services a Sabbath school embracing about 20 teachers and 60 scholars, has been organized with most encouraging prospects of success.

*Cople parish, Westmoreland county.*—W. N. Ward, Rector.—Communicants added 4, one from another cure, died 1—total 22, (21 white and 1 colored); Baptisms 1 adult; Marriages 2; Funerals 1.

*Lunenburg parish, Richmond county.*—W. N. Ward, Rector.—Communicants added 5, died 1—total 19; Confirmations 4; Baptisms 4 adults, 1 infant—total 5; Marriages 3; Funerals 4.

*North Florkham parish, Richmond county.*—W. N. Ward, Rector.—Communicants, removed 1—total 14; Baptisms 5 infants; Marriage 1; Funeral 1.

The Rector of the above parishes would report that he resigned his former charge in July last and entered upon the duties of his present, in September. No efforts have been made to raise funds for purposes not connected with the parishes, because one parish is laboring to complete an additional house for worship, which it is hoped will be effected the ensuing summer. The rectory also has undergone considerable repairs, and the sum of twelve hundred dollars has been generously raised and given to the widow of their late lamented Rector.

*Christ Church, Charlottesville, Albemarle.*—R. K. Meade, Rector.—Communicants added 8, removed 1, died 4—total 63; Baptisms, infants 6; Confirmations 3; Marriages 5; Funerals 2; number of families 38. Amount collected for the different institutions connected with the church \$612. In addition to this, the sum of \$1200 has been contributed to the High School by a female member of the congregation.

*Cornwall parish, Charlotte.*—W. H. Kinckle, Rector.—Having accepted a call to Lytleton parish, I resigned the charge of Roanoke church last August, and since then have preached there only on the fifth Sundays. Since my last report of this church, I have baptized 1 colored adult; 6 children, four white and two colored; and admitted two persons to the Communion. My preaching at Roanoke on the fifth Sunday is only a temporary arrangement, and when that ceases the congregation will be left entirely destitute of Episcopal services—present number of Communicants 7.

*Christ Church, Winchester.*—J. E. Jackson, Rector.—Communicants added 5, dead 1, removed 4—total 72; Baptisms, infants 7; Funerals 4; Marriages 4.

Amount collected for institutions connected with the church \$200. The Sunday schools are more prosperous than for a very considerable time past.

*St. Thomas' Church, Middletown, Frederick parish.*—J. E. Jackson, Rector.—Communicants 10; Baptisms 1.

*Christ Church, Richmond.*—George Woodbridge, Rector.—Communicants, added 5, removed 5, suspended 1, died 3—total 75; Baptisms 3; Confirmations 6; Funerals 6; Marriages 2.

The congregation have raised about \$800 during the past year, of which a part has been appropriated to the repairs of the church, and a part to various objects of benevolence connected with the church.

*Cumberland parish, Lunenburg.*—Thomas E. Locke, Rector.—Communicants, added 1—total 42; Baptisms, infants, white 2; Funerals 5. Contributions to various church institutions \$94.

*Clarksburg.*—James H. McMechen, Missionary.—Communicants 3; Marriage 1. Collected for church institutions \$50.

The Rector has occasionally visited Morgantown and Smithfield in Monongalia, and Weston in Lewis, finding in each of these places one or two members of the church.

*Dale parish, Chesterfield, and Raleigh parish Amelia, and the congregation at Genito, Powhatan.*—Parke F. Berkeley, Rector.—Communicants removed 1—total 40; Baptisms, infants, white 4, colored 6—total 10; Marriage 1; Funerals, white 5, colored 3—total 8; number of families 34; adults 120, infants 62.

It may be proper to state that the society of ladies in the several congregations of which the Rector has charge, instead of contributing as heretofore to the funds of the Education Society, has appropriated the proceeds of its efforts during the year past towards building a church at Genito, in the county of Powhatan—also that in consequence of disease, the Rector was obliged to discontinue his ministerial duties from July until the first of April.

*Dettinger parish, St. James' and St. Paul's church, Prince William.*—J. Towles, Rector.—Communicants, added 1, died 3—total 35; Baptisms, infants 8, white 4, colored 4; Marriages 3; Funerals 6. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church not accurately known—amount collected for the High School \$107 35.

*East Russel parish, Bedford.*—J. S. Marbury, Rector.—The Rector took charge of this parish last November, from which time he reports,

Communicants, added 6, total 79; Baptisms, adult 1, infants 3—total 4. Marriage 1; Funerals 1. Money for benevolent purposes \$25. Owing to contemplated improvements and enlargement of the churches, no systematic contributions have been made to benevolent purposes.

*Frederick parish, Clarke.*—W. G. H. Jones, Rector.—Marriages 3; Baptisms, infants 4;

Funerals three; Confirmation 1; Communicants, dead 1, removed 2, added 2, present number 43; Families 32. The Rector took charge of the parish in July last, and would remark that there have appeared recently encouraging indications that the next communion will be enlarged by several additions.

It is with great pleasure he reports the deep interest felt in the parish in regard to the instruction of servants, and that successful efforts have been made to secure for their special benefit the services of a clergyman, as far as salary is concerned.

It is believed 500 dollars can be raised, most of which is already subscribed—if a suitable minister can be obtained, it would be a source of great gratification to the Rector to know that the wishes of his people in this respect could be fulfilled. Contributions to benevolent objects \$1036 75.

*Hamilton and Leeds parishes, Fauquier.*—Geo. Lemmon, Rector.—Communicants added in Hamilton parish 4, dead 1, whole number in both parishes 65; Marriages 5; Baptisms 2; Funerals 3. The Rector reports with much satisfaction and thankfulness to God, that through the pious and liberal zeal of a few members of Leeds parish, a new brick church which, when finished will be at once commodious and beautiful, has been lately erected in that Parish, and will probably be finished in August next. Contributions for the various objects connected with the Church \$70.

*Holston parish, Washington county.*—Jas. M. Cofer, Rector.—Communicants, added 2, died 1, total 17; Baptisms, adults 2; Funerals 1.

The Rector states that he took charge of this parish on the 1st September last, and has been laboring he trusts with some success. It is true his congregations from various causes have been generally small, yet they have uniformly been attentive, serious and devout. He believes that there is here a good foundation for the establishment of the Church, but that it will require time to diffuse the necessary information in regard to her distinctive principles amongst the people, to do away their prejudices and enlist their feelings, in behalf of our beloved Zion.

*Hungars parish, Northampton.*—W. G. Jackson, Rector.—Communicants, added 4, died 2, total 53; Baptisms, infants white 4, colored 20, total 24. Confirmations 3; Marriage 1; Funerals 5; Number of families 40, adults 190, infants 85. Amount collected for the different institutions connected with the church \$281 78.

*Lynnhaven parish, Princess Ann.*—D. M. Fackler, Rector.—Communicants, total 13; Baptisms, infants 5; Confirmations 3; Marriage 1; Funerals 2.

The prospects of the parish cannot be viewed as encouraging as formerly.

*Littleton parish, Cumberland.*—W. H. Kinckle, Rector.—Communicants 27; Baptisms, infants white 9; Confirmations 12; Marriages 3; Funerals 1; Contributions to benevolent objects \$162.

This parish was re-organized in the spring of 1840. The present Rector received and accepted a call in June, and entered upon his duties in September following. Services are held twice in each month at Ca Ira and Cartersville, 23 miles apart. A church has been contracted for in the former village, and is to be completed by the fall—for the present we assemble in free houses of worship at both places.

*Monumental Church, Richmond.*—Rt. Rev. R. C. Moore, Rector.—Baptisms, adults 6, infants 24, total 30; Confirmations 18; Communicants, added 19, whole number 200. Money raised for benevolent objects \$2,221.

*Meade parish, Fauquier.*—P. Slaughter, Rector.—Communicants added 9, removed 2, total 29; Baptisms, adult 1, infants white 8, total 9; Confirmations 7; Marriages 10; Funerals 4.

The people of this parish have displayed a very commendable liberality in sustaining the institutions of the church and making comfortable provision for their pastor in providing a *parsonage* and contributing generously to his support. The minister of this parish preaches once a month at Middleburg, a village in the neighboring county of Loudoun.

In this place there is a subscription for a church edifice, which we hope will be erected in the course of the present year. The Rector also officiates, once a month, at Snickersville, another village in the county of Loudoun, where a very favorable prospect is disclosing itself for the formation of an Episcopal congregation.

*Martin's Brandon parish, Prince George.*—M. McFarland, Rector.—Communicants 13; Baptisms, infants 2; Funerals 1. The Rector reports that he took charge of this parish on the 11th of April last, that there has been a good attendance upon his ministrations during

the short time he has officiated here, and as an evidence of the interest felt by the people for the cause of Christ and his Church, a neat brick edifice has been erected within the past year at the town of City Point, which will be completed in the course of a few weeks.

*Nelson parish, Nelson county.*—C. K. Nelson Rector.—Communicants, added 6, removed 3, died 2, total 41; Baptisms, infants, white 8; Confirmations 3; Marriages 3; Funerals 6. Amount collected for different institutions connected with the church \$250 22.

*Norborne parish, Berkely.*—C. C. Taliaferro, Rector.—Communicants, added 11; (two from other parishes,) Confirmed 12; died 3; removed 1; total 111; Funerals 1; Baptisms, infants 4; Marriages 3; Contributions to benevolent objects \$118 25. There has been raised and paid towards the erection of a new Episcopal Church in Martinsburg, about \$1500. I have continued within the year past to divide my time between the congregations of Martinsburg, Hedgesville and Bunker's Hill—statedly giving three Sundays in the month to the two former and one to the latter. During the summer and fall months I preached at a place on Back Creek about 10 miles from Martinsburg, and at all these four places last summer and fall I performed service once a fortnight either in the morning, afternoon or night.

*Bunker's Hill, Berkely.*—C. C. Taliaferro, Rector.—Communicants 26; Funerals 2; Marriages 2.

*Bloomfield parish, Madison.*—R. T. Brown, Rector.—*Piedmont Church.*—Communicants, died 1, total 14; Funerals 2; Baptisms, infants 3, all colored. Since the last Convention the ladies of this church have held a fair, from which they have realized funds enough to plaster the church and purchase stoves, adding greatly to its comfort and convenience.

*Trinity Church.*—Communicants, died 1; total 12; Baptisms, infants, white 4, colored 8, total 12. I have been enabled to preach several times to the colored people of this neighborhood, and trust that my labors among them have not been in vain; one of them is now a candidate for baptism.

*Rappahannock county.*—I have continued my Missionary labors in this county during the past year, and although there are many discouraging circumstances in the way of success, yet by the blessing of God, our work may yet be prospered. Funeral 1; Baptisms, infants, white 1. There are individuals in both counties who would unite with the Church, but not being in Priest's orders, it has not been in my power to admit them.

*Point Pleasant, Mason county.*—J. B. Goodwin, Missionary.—Communicants, added 11, total 14; Baptisms, adults 4, infants, white 5, total 9; Marriages 7; Funerals 4. A Parish has been organized in Mercer's Bottom and \$400 subscribed towards building a church. A beautiful site has been selected, and it is expected that the building will be so far advanced before winter that it can be used for preaching. Four hundred and thirty dollars have also been subscribed for building a church in Gallipolis. We have received an excellent Sunday School Library of 100 volumes from friends belonging to Grace Church, Providence, R. I.

*Pokick Church, Truro Parish, Fairfax.*—W. P. C. Johnson, Rector.—Baptisms, infants colored 2; Marriages 4; Funerals 1. The Minister of Truro Parish, respectfully reports to the Convention, that the venerable church edifice in which he officiates has been rescued from further decay and dilapidation.

*Roanoke parish, Halifax.*—J. T. Clarke, Rector.—Communicants, removed 1, total 14; Baptisms, 1 white, 1 colored infant, total 2; Marriage 1; Funeral 1; No. of families 12. Amount collected for Church and charitable purposes \$76 19. The undertakers are now building the new church mentioned in my last report, and it will be finished some time during the ensuing summer. The Rector has employed, at his own risk and expense a very competent and diligent teacher, Mr. Hugh Nelson, and has opened a parochial school in his parish. There are about 30 pupils, 25 of whom attend with great regularity, and their attention, behaviour and improvement so far are very satisfactory and gratifying. The Rector has paid more attention than heretofore to the colored population. Since last fall the Rector has discontinued his visits to Danville, having succeeded in securing the services of the Rev. Geo. W. Dame for that place.

*St. Andrew's parish, Brunswick, and Bath parish, Dinwiddie.*—T. T. Castleman, Rector.—Communicants, added, whites 8, colored 3, total 11; removed 3, died 1, whole number 75; Baptisms, adults, white 2, colored 1—infants, white 12, colored 7, total 22; Marriages 3; Funerals 17. Amount contributed to the various institutions of the Church \$482 29.

*St. Ann's and South Farnham parishes.*—J. P. McGuire, Rector.—St. Ann's Parish.—Communicants, added 1, total 33, 30 white and 2 colored; Baptisms, infants 5; Confirmations, white 3, colored 2, total 5; Marriages 7; Funerals 5. South Farnham Parish.—Communicants, added 3, total 29; Baptisms, infants white 8, colored 2, total 10; Confirmations 5; Funerals 4. Funds have been as usual collected for the different institutions of the Church, but the amount has been reduced by the cause which operated so unfavorably when the last report was made.

The new Church mentioned heretofore was consecrated and called St. Paul's church, during the month of June last.

*St. James' Parish, Mecklenburg county.*—F. H. McGuire, Rector.—Communicants, added 5, died 2, removed 2, total 54; Baptisms, infants 4, adult 1, total 5; Confirmations 1; Marriages 3; Funerals 4. Amount contributed to the support of the benevolent objects of the Church \$575. The Church edifice at Boynton, will be ready for consecration early in the summer. The friends of the Church in Clarksville and its vicinity hope, ere very long to erect a church in their flourishing village.

*St. Matthew's Church, Wheeling.*—Wm. Armstrong, Rector.—Baptisms, infants 15, adults 6; Communicants 87; Marriages 8; Deaths 6.

*St. James' Parish, Northam, Goochland and Fluvanna.*—R. H. Wilmer, Rector.—Communicants, added 13, removed 1, total 30; Baptisms, adults 4, infants 3, total 7; Confirmations 5; Marriage 1; Funerals 4; Number of families 16. Amount collected for benevolent objects \$311. Besides the above contributions liberal subscriptions have been made towards the erection of a parsonage which will soon be completed.

*St. James' Church, Richmond.*—A. Empie, Rector.—Communicants, added 12, removed 5, died 1, total 58; Baptisms, infants 4; Confirmation 1; Marriages 3; Funerals 4; Number of families about 70, of adults upwards of 170, of children about 130, of pupils in the Sunday school less than when last reported.

*St. John's Church, Kanawha parish.*—James Craik, Rector.—Communicants, added 3, one from another parish, removed 1, withdrawn 1, total 25; Baptisms, infants 10; Funerals 1; Families 27; of adults 60, children 55; Collections for Miscellaneous purposes \$27. Subscription to build a church in the Kanawha Salines \$2000.

*St. James' Church, Shelburne parish, Leesburg.*—Geo. Adie, Rector.—Communicants, added 7, removed 3, died 1, total white 56, colored 2, total 58; Baptisms, white adult 1, infants 6; colored 3, total 10; Confirmations 7; Marriages 3; Funerals 3; No. of families 60.

Amount collected for the different institutions connected with the church about \$350. The Rector sees little in the state of the parish worthy of interest. For several years previous to the one which has recently expired, the support given to their minister was entirely insufficient for the supply of his necessities. But no sooner was the fact made known to them than they cheerfully responded to the appeal made in his behalf.

*Aldie.*—Communicants 4. No perceptible change in the state of the congregation since last report.

*St. John's Church, Richmond.*—W. H. Hart, Rector.—Communicants, added 1, died 3, total 33; Baptisms, infants 4; Funerals 7. The Sunday School is in a prosperous condition. Teachers, male 5, female 10. No. of scholars, 70.

*St. George's parish, Accomac.*—H. M. Bartlett, Rector.—Communicants added 8, removed 5, died 5, total 43; Baptisms 10; Confirmations 5; Marriage 1; Funerals 4. The parish during the last two years has by removals lost much and gained little. Yet in either of the congregations there has been a manifest increase.

*St. George's Church, Fredericksburg.*—E. C. McGuire, Rector.—Communicants added 8, deaths and removals 7, total 143; Baptisms, adults 4, infants 8, total 12; Confirmations 13; Marriages 7; Funerals 9; Families 100; Religious and Charitable contributions \$600. A new organ has recently been purchased at an expense exceeding \$1100. Our parochial associations are attended by an encouraging measure of usefulness. Sunday School and Bible Class institutions are especially exerting a happy influence in promotion of youthful piety amongst us.

*St. Margaret's parish, Caroline.*—St. M. Fackler, Rector.—Communicants, 24; and *St. John's Church, Berkeley parish, Spottsylvania.*—Communicants, removed 6, whole number 28; Marriages 2; Funerals, white 3. Amount collected for different institutions connect-

ed with the church \$65 75. I took charge of this church last October. I also preach once a month at Louisa C. H., where the interest in the service of the church continues to increase. The church at Spottsylvania O. H. is nearly finished, and will be ready for consecration as early in the summer as practicable. I have made arrangements to establish a Bible class at each of these places, which will go into operation in a few weeks.

*St. Martin's parish, Hanover county.*—Wm. V. Bowers, Rector.—Communicants added 2, withdrawn 1, died 1, total 56; Baptisms, infants 6; Confirmations 5, two from other parishes; Marriages 4; Funerals 4; Number of families 51. Amount collected for benevolent purposes \$370. Sunday Schools 2, one of which for the want of teachers has, during the past year, been in a languishing condition. The colored population continue to be instructed at different plantations on Sunday evenings. A tract of land, adjoining one of the churches and about the centre of the parish, of 100 acres, has been purchased, and a contract entered into to erect a house for a rectory. The corner stone of St. Paul's church was laid last June by Bishop Moore, near Hanover Court House, and the building is now in progress, and will be finished this summer if sufficient funds can be obtained.

*St. Paul's Church, Norfolk.*—B. M. Miller, Rector.—Communicants, added 8, withdrawn 2, removed 10, dead 6, present number 62; Baptisms, adult 1, infants 17, total 18; Confirmations 9; Marriages 3, one of colored persons; Funerals 22; several of other churches in the borough and the vicinity.

*St. Paul's Church, Alexandria.*—J. T. Johnston, Rector.—Communicants, added 20, (from other cures 7) removed 8, died 3, total 159; Baptisms, adults 1 white; infants, white 26, colored 4, total 33; Confirmations 19; Marriages 13; Funerals 10; Sunday Schools 2; Superintendants 2; Teachers 25; Scholars 181. Amount collected for different purposes connected with the church \$860.

*St. Peter's Church, Port Royal and Grace Church, St. Mary's parish, Caroline.*—W. Friend, Rector.—Communicants, added 9, removed 5, total 52; Baptisms 8; Confirmations 9; Marriage 1; Funerals 11. Contributions for objects connected with the church \$150.

The Sunday School, at Grace Church, has been revived, and is now well attended, and gives promise of much usefulness, especially to the children of the poor in the neighborhood. In addition to the stated services in my churches, I preach alternately on Sunday evenings at the Bowling Green, at King George C. H., and at the residence of John G. Lawrence, Esq.

*St. Paul's Church, Lynchburg.*—T. Atkinson, Rector.—Communicants, added 19, of these 6 were from other cures, removed 6, died 6, and one was ordained to the ministry, the Rev. S. D. Tompkins, total 89; Baptisms, adults 4, infants 30, total 34, all white; Marriages 5, one of colored persons; Funerals 11. The number of families belonging to the congregation cannot well be ascertained. The large number of deaths among the communicants has greatly checked the advance of the church. Among those thus taken from us were some of the best and most valued members of the church, and at the same time, my own kindest and truest friends. Still it is believed we are advancing, and it is hoped that from various causes that advance will be more rapid from this time, than for the last 12 or 18 months.

*St. Paul's Church, Bristol parish, Petersburg.*—N. H. Cobbs, Rector.—Communicants, added 30, of these several were from other parishes; ordained 2, removed 11, died 1, total 130; Baptisms, infants 12, adults 5, total 17; Confirmations, 21; Marriages 7; Funerals 12; Number of families and of children in the Sunday school about the same as last year. Contributions to benevolent objects \$1600. The present state of the parish warrants the belief that a new church will soon be wanted.

*St. Peter's Church, Tillotson parish, Buckingham.*—Communicants, added 5, total 28; Baptisms 1, by the Rev. John Martin. Amount collected for the various institutions of the church \$100.  
P. A. BOLLING, Lay Delegate.

*St. Paul's parish, King George, and Washington parish, Westmoreland.*—John Martin, Rector.—St. Paul's: Communicants, added 3, removed 1, died 1, total 28; Baptisms, infants, white 9; Confirmations 5; Marriages 6; Funerals 5; Number of families 31, adults 75, children 65. Amount collected for the different institutions of the church since September \$65 50.

In addition to the above, a sufficient sum has been obtained for the purpose of building a parsonage, which has been commenced and will probably be completed by October next.

*Washington parish.*—Communicants 2; Baptisms, infants 16; Number of families 15. Amount collected \$4 62½.



Previous to September last this parish had not for many years had any regular ministerial services. Since then the present minister has officiated.

The parish has been re-organized; a vestry elected, and a liberal subscription obtained towards building a new and substantial church in place of the old one at Pope's creek, now in ruins.

*St. Stephen's and St. James' Churches, Culpeper.*—John Cole, Rector.—*St. Stephen's*: Communicants, added 7; removed 2; died 2; total 50; Baptisms, adults 2, infants 12, total 15; Marriages 2; Funerals 8.

*St. James'*:—Communicants 11; Baptisms, infants 6. In *St. Stephen's* congregation but little has been done during the past year, and for the two or three years preceding, for objects of benevolence connected with the spread of the Gospel abroad. *St. James'* is a new congregation, formed within the last 12 or 15 months, and promises by the blessing of God to become a centre of good to the surrounding neighborhood. Since the last convention a very neat and comfortable brick church has been built, and is now ready for consecration.

A Sunday School has been opened and a Bible class will be begun immediately after the return of the Rector to his home. Plain, expository instruction is regularly given on two Sunday afternoons in the month to the servants.

*St. Thomas' Church, Orange.*—J. Earnest, Rector.—The Rector took charge of this congregation in January last, and reports since that period as follows: Communicants 42; Baptisms, adult 1; Marriage 1; Funeral 1. The Sunday School embraces 1 superintendant, 5 teachers, and about 30 scholars.

*Spottsylvania, Louisa and Powhatan.*—Report of John Cooke, Missionary.—I write this from a sick bed and under great bodily suffering, which, together with the sickness of my family, will prevent my attendance at the approaching convention. I am happy to say to the convention that my Missionary labors in Spottsylvania and Powhatan, commenced some four years ago, are now nearly completed. We have finished a neat and comfortable brick church at Spottsylvania C. H., at an expense of some \$1300—which will be ready for consecration in a few weeks. This church I have turned over to the supervision of the Rev. Mr. Fackler, who takes charge of it in connection with his other congregations in the adjoining parishes.

We have also completed the church at Manakin town, Powhatan, which is now a neat and comfortable building. This also is ready for consecration. This congregation, in connection with the one at Petersburg, where I formerly officiated, is now ready to receive an Episcopal minister. They have made up between them \$500 for his support, with a promised increase in proportion to his increase of duty and expenses. He will be required to officiate alternately at the two places. At Locust Grove, Louisa, things remain very much as they have been for some time past. Two were confirmed at the visitation of Bishop Moade last spring. Funerals 3.

*Trinity Church, Staunton.*—F. D. Goodwin, Rector.—Communicants, added 9, removed 3, died 3, withdrawn 1, total 60; Baptisms 10; Marriages 6; Funerals 5. Amount collected for different institutions connected with the church \$350.

Our Sunday School is very flourishing, numbering 118 scholars and 21 teachers, with an average attendance of 83 scholars and 16 teachers. We have also tried the experiment of a Sunday School for servants, and are thus far greatly cheered with the result. This school was opened the first of January last and consists of 8 teachers and 62 pupils. The average attendance has been 45. The improvement of the pupils has exceeded our most sanguine expectations. About 30 of them have learned the general confession, the Lord's prayer, the creed and the ten commandments, besides hymns and passages of Scripture—and one at least, has learned the whole of the Church catechism.

*Trinity Church, Shepherdstown.*—J. H. Morrison, Rector.—Communicants, added 2, from the Diocese of Maryland; died 2, total 36; Baptisms, white infants 3, colored 6, total 9; Marriage 1, (of colored persons; Funerals 2. Amount collected for different institutions connected with the church \$185.

The Rector sees little to encourage him in the portion of his field of labor belonging to the Virginia diocese. Half of his time is still devoted to a parish in the diocese of Maryland. His church edifice in Virginia is at present in process of being enlarged, and, in other respects, greatly improved at the cost of something upwards of \$2,200. Owing to the pressing demand for the means of carrying on this work, he has not felt himself at liberty to urge on his congregation the duty of contributing to other objects. He has been prevented by ill health from preaching for more than three months past. Agreeably to a resolution of the convention, he would assign as the reason of his not attending its last meeting, the insufficiency of his resources.

*Trinity Church, Portsmouth and St. Paul's Church, Suffolk, Newsemond*.—J. H. Wingfeld, Rector.—*Trinity*.—Communicants, added 5, removed in parish 2, died 3, removed from parish 1, total 51; Baptisms, all white infants 18; Confirmations 4; Marriages 8; Funerals 13; Number of families 68. Amount collected for different institutions \$1,121, of which \$950 were raised by the laudable efforts of the ladies of the congregation towards the contemplated purchase of a permanent residence for the Rector; the balance—some for the payment of galleries erected in the church since last convention and some for different institutions of the church. Sunday School, about 12 teachers and 80 scholars—not very prosperous. The Rector is pleased to have it to state that one added to the list of his communicants is a colored person. The first in his ministry.

*St. Paul's*.—*Newsemond*.—Communicants, added 1, removed 1, total 13; Baptisms 5; Confirmations 1; Marriages 1; Funerals 1; Number of families about 18; Contributions to Church purposes \$12 46.

*Westover parish, Charles city county*.—W. T. Leavell, Rector.—Communicants, added 2, died 2, total 17; (the number of colored communicants hitherto reported as members of the Episcopal church in the parish, about 40,) Confirmations 3; Baptisms, white infants 4; Marriages 2; Funerals, white 7, colored 8, total 15; Number of families about 20. Amount collected for parochial improvements and other objects connected with the Church, about \$800.

*Wickliffe Parish, Clarke*.—Alex. Shiras, Rector.—The number of communicants reported as belonging to this parish at the last convention was 56. Fuller information has shown that the actual number was but 50. To these there have been added, including 3 from other parishes, 23,—7 have removed, 1 has been suspended, and 2 have died, leaving a total of 63. Baptisms, adult 2, white infants 6, colored 12, total 20; Confirmations 18; Marriages 12; Funerals 6.

The number of families connected with the parish is 42. The exact number of individuals difficult to ascertain—believed to be about 200.

To the various benevolent institutions of the church there have been contributed about \$250. More might have been collected, but for the efforts which have been made to erect a parsonage. A very neat and commodious one has been commenced, and it is hoped will be completed in the course of the summer.

The Sabbath Schools continue to be well attended, and the two Bible Classes under the Rector's care appear to excite a lively interest and to be richly blessed of God.

*Walker's church and Christ Church, St. Ann's parish, Albemarle*.—E. Boyden, Rector.—*Walker's church*.—Communicants, added 3, died 1, total 22; Baptisms 1 adult; Confirmations 4; Funerals 2; Contributions for foreign religious and benevolent objects about \$100. A fine organ has been presented to this church by the heirs of the Hon. Hugh Nelson.

*Christ church*.—Communicants, added 3, removed 1, died 2—total 18; Confirmations 9, Marriage 1, Funerals 2. This church has been well enclosed by the congregation, and furnished within by a lady in a manner befitting the house of God, and is one of the neatest temples in the land.

*West Russel parish, Bedford*.—Nelson Sale, Rector.—I have only removed to this parish late last fall, and have as yet but little more than succeeded in organizing my parish. Before leaving Lexington parish, Amherst county, and since my arrival in this, the rector reports since the last Convention as follows:

In Amherst.—Baptisms white 9, colored 9; Marriages 4; Funerals 4. In West Russel, I have baptized 11 white infants and seven colored—Marriages 4; Funerals 4. Collected for different purposes \$40.

Number of communicants in this parish not precisely known; but about 25.

*Zion church, St. Andrew's parish, Jefferson*.—Alexander Jones, Rector.—Communicants, added 18, removed 1, died 2, present number 81; Baptisms, white infants 11, colored 5; Confirmations 12; Marriages 8; Funerals 9. Amount expended for objects not connected with the parish \$25.

The Rector reports with unfeigned gratitude, the abounding liberality of his people, in kindly and considerably administering to his necessities and also in purchasing for him a neat and commodious parsonage. They have likewise bought a new and excellent organ, the old organ, though a good one, being found to be too small, and have also expended much, not only in rendering the house of God more comfortable, but handsome and appropriate for His worship. Amount expended for objects connected with the parish \$2,700.

He also reports that on every other Sunday, he preaches in Smithfield in the afternoon, where there are a few devout persons zealously attached to the church, and where he hopes soon to have a neat building erected for the worship of God.

*Report of Rev. James McElroy, General Agent of the Virginia Bible Society, states,* That since he became connected with the Diocese, in May 1840, he has travelled some five thousand miles in prosecuting the agency of the blessed cause with which he is specially connected, and in which the Bishops, Clergy and Laity of Virginia take so deep an interest. He has preached some two hundred and thirty times; administered betimes the sacrament of baptism, assisted occasionally at the administration of the Lord's supper, and supplied the pulpits of some of the vacant parishes in the Diocese.

*Rev. Geo. A. Smith reports,* in accordance with the provisions of the seventh canon of 1835, which requires from clergymen not settled in any parish or church, an account of the "Occasional services" they may have performed, &c.—That being disabled by weakness of voice from performing the duties of a parochial minister, he has established and has charge of the Fairfax institute in the vicinity of Alexandria. In connection with his duties in the intellectual education of his pupils, he has endeavored to fulfil to them the relation of a pastor, performing divine service, and frequently preaching to them and others, when prevented by inclement weather from attending at the chapel of the Theological Seminary. He has also by daily religious instruction endeavored to fulfil his responsibilities to them, in many instances with encouraging success. He has also, in concert with the other clergy of the vicinity, preached regularly in the chapel of the Theological Seminary.

## FORM OF PAROCHIAL REPORT.

*Report of*                      *Rector of*                      *Church,*  
*(or of*                      *Parish)*                      *County.*

Communicants—added ; removed ; died ;  
suspended ;—total .

**Baptisms—adults** ; viz. white , colored ;  
**infants** ; viz. white , colored ;—total .

## Confirmations

## Marriages

## Funerals

Number of families , adults , infants

**Amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, \$**

**Remarks to be added by the Rector.**

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# ABSTRACT OF PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

PARISHES AND CHURCHES.	BAPTISMS.				Total.	Confirmed.	Added.	Removed.	Suspended.	Dead.	Total.	Families.	Amount of Contributions
	Funerals.	Marriages.	Adults.	Infants.	Colored.								
Abingdon and Ware parishes, Gloucester county,	3	2	2	6		3	1	1		1	48		\$1,143 89
Antrim parish, Halifax county,	6	4	4	5		5	1	1			40		180 50
Brunon parish, Williamsburg,	30	11	2	13	18	131	10	6			60		106 75
Berkely parish, Spotsylvania,	3	2									28		66 75
Bloomfield parish, Madison,											14		
Bristol parish, Petersburg,	12	7	2	13		17	30	11		1	130		1,500 00
Bocourt parish, Botetourt and Roanoke counties,				8		8					23		
Boydton parish, Augusta,				2		2					18		
Cornwall parish, Charlotte,				4	3	7	2				42		94 00
Cumberland parish, Lunenburg,	6	2	2	2	9	36	21	8		3	140	80	574 50
Christ church, Alexandria,	4	4		6		7	8	5		1	72		200 00
Christ church, Winchester,	4	4		7		7	8	1		4	62	38	619 00
Christ church, Charlottesville,	6	2	3	3		3	6	5	1	3	75		
Christ church, Richmond,											3		50 00
Clarksburg, (Missionary)	1	2	1	1			4			1	92		
Cople parish, Westmoreland,	3	1	1	32		3	1	6		5	243		2,952 73
Camden parish, Pittsylvania,	18	10	1	4	6	10	13	1			40		107 35
Christ church, Norfolk,	6	3	2	4		8	6			3	35		62 00
Dale parish, Chesterfield, and Raleigh, Amelia,	4	3	2	7	6	12	4	1		2	46		50 00
Dettinger parish, Prince William,	12	7	2	3		8	3				6		6 75
Christ church, Lancaster,	3	2	1	3		3	4	1			79		25 00
Christ church, Isle of Wights, and Suffolk parish, Nansemond,	13	2	1	4		4		2		1	43	32	1,036 75
Centurion church, Elizabeth city parish,	5	1	4	4	20	24	3			2	65	40	281 78
East Russell parish, Bedford,	3	3	2	3		3	2			1	33		70 00
Frederick parish, Clarke,	3	3	1	4		4	2				7		97 00
Hamgans parish, Northampton	5	5	2			9	12			3	26		
Hamilton and Leeds parish, Fauquier,	1	1				2					33		
Holston parish, Washington,	7	2	2	4		4	1				13		
Littleton parish, Cumberland,	4	10	1	5		5	9				29		
Lunenburg parish, Richmond county, and North Farnham,	7	2	2	8		9	7				33		
Lynnhaven parish, Princess Ann,	4	4	1	5		5	3				13		
Maude parish, Fauquier,				6		6	13				29		
Monumental church, Richmond,				24		30					200		2,981 00



## A LIST OF THE PARISHES OF THE DIOCESE OF VIRGINIA.

with their respective,

## COUNTIES, CHURCHES, AND MINISTERS.

✠ The Clergy will greatly assist the Secretary in completing the following list, which is here but imperfectly commenced, if they will at the next Convention insert in their Parochial Reports the names of the *counties, parishes, and churches* under their care.

PARISHES.	COUNTIES.	CHURCHES.	MINISTERS.
Accomac,	Accomac,		Charles Mann.
Abingdon,	Gloucester,		John Grammer.
Antrim,	Halifax,	{ St. Mark's,	John T. Clark.
Augusta,	Augusta,	Mount Laurel,	F. D. Goodwin,
Bath,	Dinwiddie,	Trinity,	T. T. Castleman.
{ St. Margaret's,	Caroline,		St. M. Fackler,
{ Berkely,	Spottsylvania,	St. John's,	D. M. Wharton.
Botetourt,	Botetourt,		William Hodges.
Bruton,	James City,		J. D. Tyler.
Boyden,	Augusta,		
Bloomfield,	Madison,	{ Madison, C. H. }	R. T. Brown.
Bristol,	Prince George,	Trinity,	N. H. Cobbs,
Brunswick,	Stafford,	St. Paul's,	
Camden,	Pittsylvania,	St. Andrew's,	Geo. W. Dame,
Clarksburg,	Harrison,		Jas. H. McMechen,
{ Cople,	Westmoreland,		W. N. Ward,
{ Lunenburg,	Richmond,		
{ N. Farnham,	Lancaster,	Christ,	William T. Bryant.
Christ church,	Lunenburg,		Thomas E. Locke.
Omaberland,	Charlotte,	Roanoke,	William H. Kinckle.
Cornwall,	Middlesex,		
Christ church,	York,		
Charles,	Chesterfield,	Sapony,	P. F. Berkely.
Dale,	Prince William,	{ St. James' }	John Towles.
Dettingen,		{ St. Paul's }	
Drydale,	Caroline,		
East Russel,	Bedford,		J. S. Marbury.
Elizabeth City,	Elizabeth City,	{ St. John's,	M. L. Chevers.
		{ Centurion,	B. M. Miller.
Elizabeth,	Norfolk,	{ St. Paul's,	U. Beall.
		{ Christ,	
Fredericksville,	Albemarle,	{ Trinity,	R. K. Meade.
		{ Christ,	
Frederick,	Frederick,	{ Buckmountain,	
		St. Thomas',	J. E. Jackson.
Fairfax,	Fairfax,	{ Christ,	C. B. Dana.
		{ St. Paul's,	J. T. Johnston.
Frederick,	Clarke,	{ Falls',	E. R. Lippitt.
		{ Wickliffe,	
Farnham,	Richmond,	{ The Chapel,	W. G. H. Jones.

FARMS.	COUNTIES.	CHURCHES.	MINISTERS.
Henrico,	Henrico,	{ Monumental, St. John's, Christ, St. James', K. George, C. H. St. Paul's, }	{ R. C. Moore, D. D. Wm. Norwood. William H. Hart. George Woodbridge. A. Empie, D. D. William Friend. William G. Jackson. George Lemmon.
Hanover,	King George,	{ St. John's, St. Mark's, }	James Craik. John Martin. George Lemmon. D. M. Fackler.
Hungar's,	Northampton,	{ Amherst C. H. } { New Glasgow, }	Nelson Sale. W. N. Ward,
Hamilton,	Fauquier,		
Haymarket,	Prince William,		
Kenawha,	Kenawha,		
Leeds,	Fauquier,		
Lynnhaven,	Princess Ann,		
Lexington,	Amherst,		
Lanenburg,	Richmond,		
Leeds,	Prince William,		
Littleton,	Cumberland,		
Manchester,	Chesterfield,		
Meads,	Loudoun,		
Martin's Brandon,	Prince George,		
Moharrin,	Greenville,	Merchant's Hope,	Philip Slaughter. M. McFarland.
Mosses,	Campbell,	{ St. John's, St. Paul's, Christ, Mill Creek, Brick, } { Christ, } { Trinity, } { Callaway, }	T. Atkinson. C. C. Taliaferro, Thomas Smith, C. R. Nelson.
Norborne,	Berkely,		
Newport,	Ile of Wight,		
Nelson,	Nelson,		
Nottoway,	Nottoway,		
Overwharton,	Stafford,		
Portsmouth,	Norfolk,	Aquia, Trinity,	W. P. C. Johnson. J. H. Wingfield.
Pasworth,	Gloucester,	{ Trinity, St. Stephen's, }	J. Doughen. P. F. Berkeley.
Russell,	Bedford,		
Raleigh,	Amelia,		
Roanoke,	Halifax,		
St. James',	Prince William,		
St. George's,	Accomac,		
St. Anne's,	Albemarle,		
St. Andrew's,	Brunswick,		
St. Margaret's,	Caroline,		
St. Mary's,	Caroline,		
St. Mark's,	Culpeper,		
St. Anne's,	Essex,		
South Farnham,	Essex,		
St. James', Northam,	Goochland,		
St. Martin's,	Hanover,		
St. James',	Mecklenburg,		
St. George's,	Spotsylvania,		
Shelburne,	Loudoun,		
St. Andrew's,	Jefferson,		
St. Paul's,	King George,		
Suffolk,	Nansemond,		
Southwark,	Surry,		
Southam,	Powhatan,		
St. Luke,	Southampton,		
St. Thomas',	Orange,		
St. Stephen's,	Northumberland,		
St. Peter's,	New Kent,		
		St. Paul's,	Jos. Earnest.
		Peterville,	
		St. Thomas',	



PARISHES.	COUNTIES.	CHURCHES.	MINISTERS.
St. David,	King William,		
St. John's,	King William,		
St. Stephen's,	King and Queen,		
St. Paul's,	Hanover,		
St. Asaph's,	Caroline,		
St. Matthew's,	Ohio,	St. Matthew's,	William Armstrong.
Truro,	Fairfax,		W. P. C. Johnson.
Trinity,	Louisa,		W. N. Ward.
Tillotson,	Buckingham,	St. Peter's,	J. M. Cofer.
Walker's,	Albemarle,	Walker's,	E. Boyden.
Ware,	Gloucester,		Charles Mann.
Winchester,	Frederick,	Christ,	J. E. Jackson.
Wicomico,	Northumberland,		
Warwick,	Warwick,		
Washington,	Westmoreland,		J. Martin.
Westover,	Charles City,		W. T. Leavell.
West Russell,	Bedford,		N. Sale.
Wickliffe,	Clarke,		A. Shiras.
Woodville,	Botetourt,		
	Albemarle,		Jas. Chisholm.
	Augusta,		Jas. McElroy, A. B. S.

# A LIST

## OF THE CLERGY OF THE DIOCESE OF VIRGINIA,

WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE  
PARISHES AND POST OFFICES.

The Clergy who have recently entered the Diocese or removed from one part to another are requested when they present their Parochial Reports to the Convention to send in also the names of their respective Post Offices, if they expect them to be inserted in the following list.

CLERGY.	PARRISHES.	POST OFFICES.
<b>Ed. Rev. R. C. Moore, D.D.</b> <b>" Wm. Meade, D.D.</b> <b>Adm, Rev. George</b> <b>Armstrong, Rev. William</b> <b>Atkinson, Rev. Thomas</b> <b>Beall, Rev. Upton</b> <b>Berkeley, Rev. Parks F.</b> <b>Bowers, Rev. William V.</b> <b>Boyden, Rev. E.</b> <b>Brown, Rev. R. T.</b> <b>Bryant, Rev. William T.</b> <b>Cardeman, Rev. Thos. T.</b> <b>Craig, Rev. James</b> <b>Chevers, Rev. Mark L.</b> <b>Chisholm, Rev. James</b> <b>Clapham, Rev. Josiah</b> <b>Clarke, Rev. John T.</b> <b>Cobbs, Rev. Nicholas H.</b> <b>Cole, Rev. John</b> <b>Crawford, Rev. William</b> <b>Cooke, Rev. John</b> <b>Cofer, Rev. James M.</b> <b>Christian, Rev. Edmund</b> <b>Dame, Rev. George W.</b> <b>Dana, Rev. Charles B.</b> <b>Earnest, Rev. Joseph</b> <b>Empie, D.D., Rev. Adam</b> <b>Fackler, Rev. David M.</b>  <b>Fackler, Rev. St. M.</b>  <b>Friend, Rev. William</b> <b>Goodwin, Rev. Frederick D.</b> <b>Goodwin, Rev. James</b> <b>Grammer, Rev. John</b> <b>Hart, Rev. William H.</b> <b>Hill, Rev. John H.</b> <b>Hodges, Rev. William</b> <b>Hutchinson, Rev. Mr.</b> <b>Jackson, Rev. J. K.</b> <b>Jackson, Rev. William M.</b> <b>Jackson, Rev. William G.</b> <b>Johnston, Rev. James T.</b> <b>Johnson, Rev. Wm. P. C.</b> <b>Jones, Rev. Alexander</b> <b>Jones, Rev. William G. H.</b> <b>Keeling, Rev. Jacob</b>	<b>Rector Monumental ch., Richmond,</b> <b>Assistant Bishop,</b> <b>Shelburn parish,</b> <b>St. Matthew's church, Wheeling,</b> <b>St. Paul's church,</b> <b>Christ church,</b> <b>Raleigh and Dale parishes,</b> <b>St. Martin's Parish, Hanover,</b> <b>St. Ann's and Walker's parishes,</b> <b>Bloomfield parish, Madison, and</b> <b>{ Missionary in Rappahannock,</b> <b>Christ church,</b> <b>{ St. Andrew's parish, Brunswick,</b> <b>{ and Bath parish, Darwiddie,</b> <b>Kenawha parish,</b> <b>St. John's church, Hampton,</b> <b>Officiating in Albemarle county,</b> <b>Officiating in Halifax county.</b> <b>Mount Laurel church, Halifax,</b> <b>St. Paul's church,</b> <b>St. Stephen's church,</b>  <b>Officiating in Hanover,</b> <b>Tillotson parish,</b> <b>Martin's Brandon parish,</b> <b>Officiating in Prince Edward county,</b> <b>Fairfax parish,</b> <b>St. Thomas' church, Orange,</b> <b>St. James' church,</b> <b>Lynnhaven parish,</b> <b>{ St. Margaret's parish, Caroline, &amp;</b> <b>{ St. John's ch'h, Berkeley parish,</b> <b>{ Spottsylvania,</b> <b>{ St. Peter's, Port Royal, and Grace,</b> <b>Caroline,</b> <b>Augusta parish,</b>  <b>Antrim parish,</b> <b>St. John's church,</b> <b>Missionary,</b> <b>Bruton parish,</b>  <b>Christ church,</b>  <b>Hungar's parish,</b> <b>St. Paul's church, Alexandria,</b> <b>Pohick church, Fairfax,</b> <b>St. Andrew's parish,</b> <b>Frederick parish,</b>	<b>Richmond.</b> <b>Millwood, Clarke.</b> <b>Leesburg, Loudon.</b> <b>Wheeling, Ohio county.</b> <b>Lynchburg.</b> <b>Norfolk.</b> <b>Winchester, Chesterfield.</b> <b>New Amsterdam.</b> <b>Everettsville, Abbeville.</b> <b>Woodville, Rappahannock.</b> <b>Lancaster.</b> <b>Lawrenceville, Brunswick.</b> <b>Kenawha Court House.</b> <b>Old Point Comfort.</b>  <b>Mount Laurel, Halifax.</b> <b>Petersburg.</b> <b>Culpeper Court House.</b> <b>Louisa Court House.</b> <b>New Amsterdam, Hanover.</b> <b>New Store, Buckingham.</b> <b>Cabin Point, Surry.</b> <b>Prince Edward Court House.</b> <b>Alexandria, D. C.</b>  <b>Richmond.</b> <b>Kempville, Princess Anne.</b>  <b>Rapp'k Academy, Caroline.</b> <b>Staunton, Augusta.</b> <b>Point Pleasant, Mason.</b> <b>Halifax Court House.</b> <b>Richmond.</b> <b>Athens, Greece.</b> <b>Williamsburg.</b>  <b>Winchester.</b> <b>Winchester.</b> <b>Eastville, Northampton.</b> <b>Alexandria, D. C.</b> <b>Alexandria, D. C.</b> <b>Charlestown, Jefferson.</b> <b>Millwood, Clarke county.</b> <b>Suffolk.</b>

## CLERGY.

Keith, D.D., Rev. Reuel  
Kinckle, Rev. William H.  
Leavell, Rev. William T.  
Leamon, Rev. George  
Lippitt, Rev. Edward R.  
Locke, Rev. Thomas E.  
Mann, Rev. Charles  
Marbury, Rev. J. S.  
Martin, Rev. John  
Meade, Rev. Richard K.  
Miller, Rev. Benjamin M.  
Minor, Rev. Launcelot B.  
Morrison, Rev. J. H.  
McElroy, Rev. James  
Macfarland, Rev. Malcolm  
McGuire, D.D., Rev. E. C.  
McGuire, Rev. John P.  
McGuire, Rev. Francis H.  
McMechen, Rev. James H.  
Nelson, Rev. Cleland R.  
Norwood, Rev. William  
Packard, Rev. Joseph  
Payne, Rev. John  
Parks, Rev. Martin P.  
Pendleton, Rev. W. N.  
Sale, Rev. Nelson  
Shiras, Rev. Alexander  
Slaughter, Rev. Philip  
Smith, Rev. Thomas  
Smith, Rev. Joshua  
Smith, Rev. George A.  
Smith, Rev. Aristides  
Sparrow, D.D., Rev. Wm.,  
Syme, D.D., Rev. Andrew  
Taliaferro, Rev. Charles C.  
Towles, Rev. John  
Tyler, Rev. Joseph D.  
  
Ward, Rev. William N.  
  
Wharton, Rev. Dabney M.  
Wingfield, Rev. John H.  
Woodbridge, Rev. George  
Woodville, Rev. John W.  
Wilmer, Rev. Richard H.  
Wilmer, Rev. J. P. B.

## PARISHES.

Prof. in Theological Seminary, of Va.,  
Cornwall parish,  
Westover parish,  
Hamilton and Leeds parishes,  
Prof. in Theological Seminary of Va.,  
Cumberland parish, Lunenburg,  
Abingdon and Ware parishes,  
East Russel parish, Bedford.  
St. Paul's,  
Frederickville parish,  
St. Paul's church,  
Missionary,  
Trinity church,  
Agent Bible Society,  
Martins Brandon parish, Prince Geo.,  
St. George's church,  
St. Ann's and S. Farnham parishes,  
St. James' parish,  
Missionary,  
Trinity and Callaway churches,  
Assistant Minister Monumental ch.,  
Prof. in Theological Seminary of Va.,  
Missionary,  
Chaplain to Military Academy,  
Principal of the High School,  
West Russel parish, Bedford,  
Wickliffe parish, Clarke,  
Meade parish,  
Newport parish,  
Missionary,  
Principal of Fairfax Institute,  
  
Prof. in Theological Seminary of Va.,  
  
Norborne parish,  
St. James' and St. Paul's churches,  
Principal of Deaf & Dumb Asylum,  
{ Cople parish, Westmoreland, and }  
{ Lunenburg and North Farnham }  
{ parishes, Richmond county, }  
Botetourt parish,  
Portsmouth parish,  
Christ church,  
St. Mark's parish,  
St. Paul's, Northam,  
Chaplain United States Navy.

## POST OFFICES.

Theol. Seminary, Fairfax co.  
Charlotte Court House.  
Charles City Court House.  
Warrenton, Fauquier.  
Theol. Seminary, Fairfax co.  
Whittle's Mills, Mecklenb'g.  
Gloucester Court House.  
  
King George Court House.  
Charlottesville, Albemarle.  
Norfolk.  
Cape Palmas, Africa.  
Shepherdstown, Jefferson.  
Staunton, Augusta.  
  
Fredericksburg.  
Loretto, Essex.  
Boydton, Mecklenburg.  
Clarksburg, Harrison co.  
Variety Mills, Nelson.  
Richmond.  
Theol. Seminary, Fairfax co.  
Cape Palmas, Africa.  
West Point, N. Y.  
Theol. Seminary, Fairfax co.  
  
Berryville, Clarke.  
Upperville, Loudon.  
Smithfield, Isle of Wight.  
Cape Palmas, Africa.  
Theol. Seminary, Fairfax co.  
Petersburg.  
Theol. Seminary, Fairfax co.  
Petersburg.  
Martinsburg, Berkeley.  
Brentsville, Prince William.  
Staunton, Augusta.  
  
Big Lick, Botetourt.  
Portsmouth.  
Richmond.  
Stevensburg, Culpeper.  
Belham, Goochland.

Present number of Clergy in the Diocese,	-	-	-	-	-	-	89
Attended the Convention,	-	-	-	-	-	-	66
Absent,	-	-	-	-	-	-	24
Total number of Clergy and Laity who attended the Convention:							
Clergy,	-	-	-	-	-	-	66
Laity,	-	-	-	-	-	-	56
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The next Convention will meet at Staunton, Augusta county, on the third Wednesday in May, 1841.

## CLERGYMEN OF OTHER DIOCESES,

## WHO ATTENDED THE CONVENTION.

REV. J. W. FRENCH, of Maine.

- " JAMES MILNOR, D. D., of New York.
- " DAVID MOORE, "
- " JOHN A. VAUGHAN, D. D., "
- " CHARLES W. ANDREWS, of Pennsylvania.
- " GREGORY T. BEDELL, "
- " JOHN A. CLARK, D. D., "
- " LYMAN N. FREEMAN, "
- " JOHN G. MAXWELL, "
- " JAMES MAY, D. D., "
- " HENRY AISQUITH, - of Maryland.
- " JAMES A. BUCK. "
- " THOMAS B. FLOWER, "
- " WILLIAM HAWLEY, "
- " J. P. K. HENSHAW, D. D., "
- " JOHN F. HOFF, "
- " JOHN W. HOFFMAN, "
- " JOHN JOHNS, D. D., "
- " SAMUEL C. KERR, "
- " GEORGE L. MACKENHEIMER, "
- " HENRY MAJOR, "
- " ALEXANDER M. MARBURY, M. D. "
- " FRANCIS PECK, "
- " RICHARD H. PHILLIPS, "
- " WILLIAM PINCKNEY, "
- " KENSEY J. STEWART, "
- " HORACE STRINGFELLOW, "
- " HENRY WILLIAMS, "
- " LEMUEL WILMER, "
- " JACOB MORSS, of North Carolina.
- " ASHBEL STEELE, of Indiana.
- " M. L. FORBES, of Mississippi.
- " PHILIP BERRY, of Jamaica, W. I.



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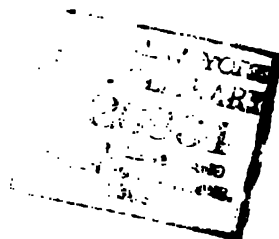
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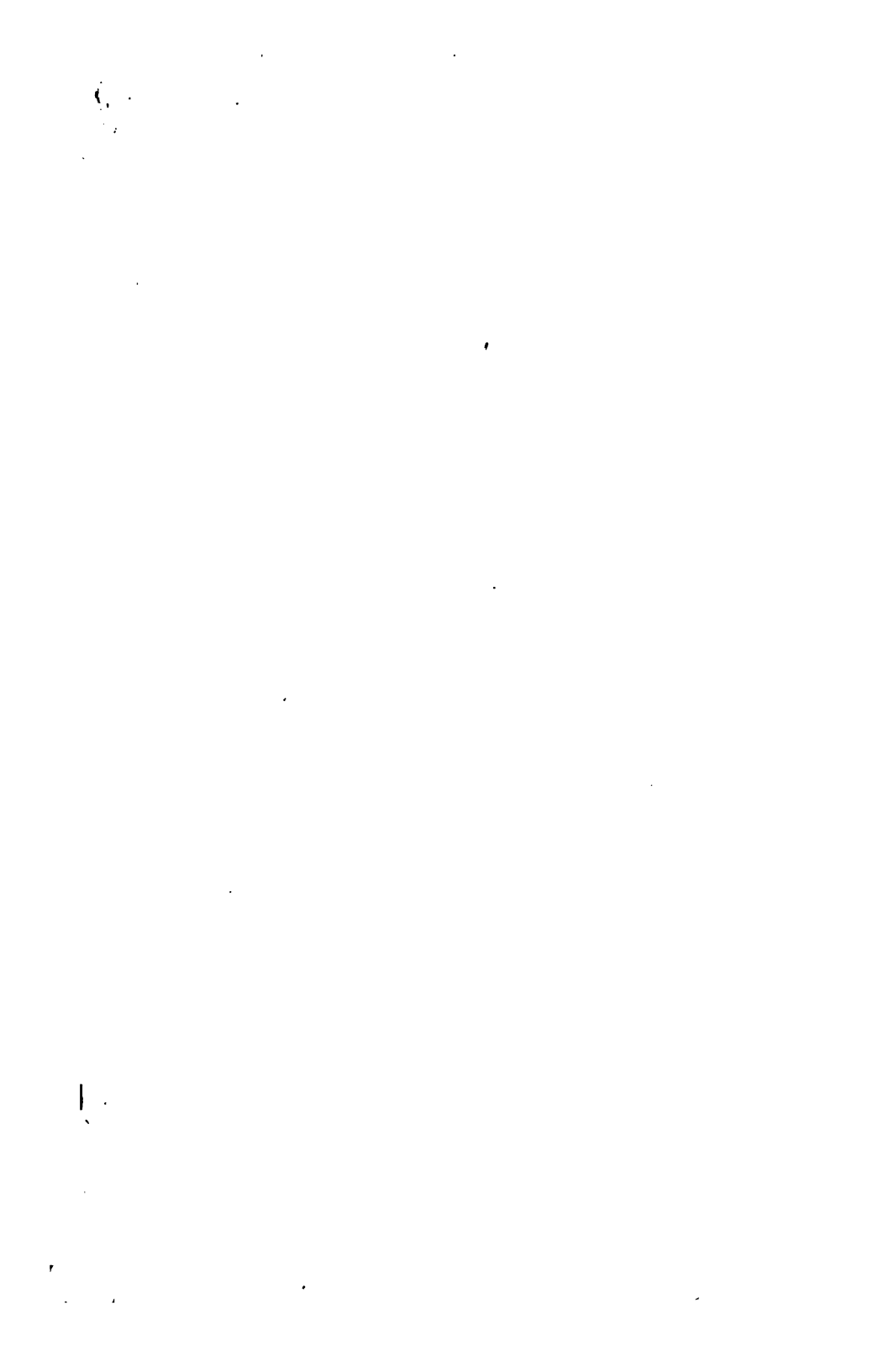
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STAUNTON, MAY 18, 1842.

This being the day appointed by the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Virginia, for the meeting of the annual Convention of said Diocese, the Right Rev. William Meade, Bishop, together with a number of the Clergy and Laity, assembled at 11 o'clock, A. M., in Trinity Church.

The morning prayer was read by the Rev. Thomas Atkinson, of Lynchburg, and the Convention sermon preached by the Rev. John P. McGuire, of Essex, from Rev. xii. 2.

Divine service being ended, the Convention was called to order by the Bishop, as President.

A list of the Clergy belonging to the Diocese was then called by the Secretary, when the following gentlemen were found to be in attendance, and took their seats as members:

### RT. REV. WILLIAM MEADE,

Rev. GEORGE ADIE,	Rev. WM. H. KINCKLE,
“ THOMAS ATKINSON,	“ WM. T. LEAVELL,
“ PARKE E. BERKELEY,	“ J. S. MARBURY,
“ WILLIAM V. BOWERS,	“ JAS. DOUGHEN,
“ E. BOYDEN,	“ RICHARD K. MEADE,
“ R. T. BROWN,	“ BENJ. M. MILLER,
“ WM. T. BRYANT,	“ JAS. MCELROY,
“ THOS. T. CASTLEMAN,	“ MALCOLM MCFARLAND,
“ JOHN COLE,	“ JOHN P. MCGUIRE,
“ EDMUND CHRISTIAN,	“ FRANCIS H. MCGUIRE,
“ DAVID CALDWELL,	“ CLELAND K. NELSON,
“ CHAS. B. DANA,	“ NELSON SALE,
“ J. EARNEST,	“ PHILIP SLAUGHTER,
“ ST. MICHAEL FACKLER,	“ THOMAS SMITH,
“ WM. FRIEND,	“ JOS. D. TYLER,
“ F. D. GOODWIN,	“ WM. N. WARD,
“ JOHN GRAMMER,	“ JOHN W. WOODVILLE,
“ WM. M. JACKSON,	“ GEORGE WOODBRIDGE,
“ ALEX. JONES,	“ D. WHARTON.
“ WM. G. H. JONES,	

The certificates of Lay Delegates being called for and received, were subsequently referred to a committee of examination, consisting of the Rev. Messrs. Friend, Earnest, and McFarland.

On motion, it was *ordered*, That the reading of the Bishop's Address and the Parochial Reports be deferred until to-morrow, (Thursday).

On motion, *ordered*, That the Convention take a recess each day from 2 until 4 o'clock, P. M.

The Rev. Mr. Friend, from the committee on examination of certificates of Lay Delegates, reported the following named gentlemen as entitled to seats in this Convention, viz :

George M. Carrington, St. John's church, Henrico parish.  
 Thomas Macon, Christ church, Charlottesville.  
 Peyton Grymes, St. Thomas church, Orange county.  
 Dr. Stribling, St. Mark's parish, Culpeper county.  
 Francis H. Smith, Woodville parish, Rockbridge county.  
 Thomas F. Nelson, Millwood church, Frederick parish.  
 Thomas M. Ambler, Leeds parish, Fauquier county.  
 Thomas N. Burwell, Botetourt parish.  
 John B. Coles, Trinity and Callaways church.  
 John Crenshaw, W. Russel parish, Bedford county.  
 Edmund Fountaine, St. Martin's parish, Hanover.  
 Wm. M. Bagley, Cumberland parish, Lunenburg.  
 Thomas Nelson, Monumental church, Richmond.  
 Wm. J. Chapman, Christ church, Norfolk.  
 John Chowning, Christ church parish, Lancaster county.  
 Dr. Isaac Winston, St. Stephen's church, Culpeper county.  
 Carter H. Harrison, Lytleton parish.  
 Cassius F. Lee, Christ church, Alexandria.  
 Samuel H. Lewis, Boyden parish, Augusta.  
 Charles J. Richards, St. James church, Richmond.  
 George Lambeth, Christ church, Richmond.  
 Edward Valentine, Trinity church, Staunton.  
 Dr. Edmund Berkeley, St. Margaret's church, St. Margaret's parish, Caroline county.  
 Edwin W. Webb, St. Matthew's church, Lexington parish, Amherst county.  
 John E. Dangerfield, Wickliffe parish, Clarke county.  
 Benjamin B. Taliaferro, Trinity church, Franklin parish.  
 John Nelson, St. James parish, Mecklenburg.

On motion, *ordered*, That, during the present session of the Convention, Divine service commence each day at 9 A. M.

On motion, *ordered*, That the execution of the 25th rule of order be postponed until to-morrow morning, immediately after Divine service.

The Convention adjourned.

## THURSDAY, MAY 19, 1842.

The Convention assembled for the transaction of business immediately after Divine service, when, after the journal of proceedings of the day previous had been read, the Rt. Rev. Bishop Meade presented and read the following address :

### REPORT AND ADDRESS OF RT. REV. BISHOP MEADE.

DEAR BRETHREN IN CHRIST: Through the good providence of God, we are permitted to meet once more in consultation for the welfare of that portion of his Church with which it is our high privilege to be connected. May that gracious presence which has hitherto been vouchsafed us, be now more abundantly afforded, according to our present need.

The Great Head of the Church, who for a long time has continued to the Diocese of Virginia the counsel and superintendence of a very beloved father, has, since our last meeting, been pleased very suddenly to take him away. I hope it will only make us look the more humbly and steadily to Him, from whom all good counsels come, that the interests of true religion may not suffer in our hands. If there be any of you, my friends, who deeply feel

the absence of our beloved father, (and which of you does not), how much more must I, who for so many years had been unitedly and harmoniously laboring at his side, as a son with his father, and who had begun seriously to think that my auxiliary services might probably be over before he should be called to his rest. God has otherwise determined, and permitted to devolve on one illy able, either in body or mind, to sustain it, the undivided responsibility of superintending this Diocese.

It is not my intention to undertake either an eulogy or biography of our departed father; that having been already done, and often and well done, by others, both from the pulpit and the press. And, indeed, there was something so peculiarly amiable in his character, and so correspondingly interesting and venerable in his form, and countenance, and manner, that it were worse than useless to attempt a delineation of one who has been so recently among us, and who can be so much better remembered than described. May God rather give us grace to imitate those traits which endeared him to the heart. For myself, who of necessity must now take his place, and enter more entirely upon all the anxieties and responsibilities of the Episcopal office, I must ask of you, my brethren, both of the Clergy and Laity, not only great indulgence for infirmities and unfitnesses, of which I am daily more and more sensible, but a very large share in your most earnest entreaties at a Throne of Grace, that the cause you have entrusted to me may not suffer. This I ask not in feigned humility; but, as God knows, from the very depth of a heart which feels more of its deficiencies than can be known to any human being.

While I speak thus, think not that I am disposed to magnify my office to the neglect of other instruments. On you, brethren and friends of the Clergy and Laity, much, very much, under God, depends of the efficiency of the means appointed of God for the promotion of His glorious cause. Without your active co-operation, the Episcopal office is a nullity. A common cause and most important interests are committed to us all. We are members one of another in the mystical body of Christ, and have no diverse interests. What is for the benefit and honor of one, is for the benefit and honor of all. What is injurious to one, must needs be injurious to all. Let us all desire to know each one his own place and duty, and to fill and perform the same; then the Church committed to us must prosper, according to the degree in which it shall please God to bless.

It becomes us, therefore, most carefully to inquire, in the sight of God, how we may perform our several parts, so as best to promote the great interests of religion in our Diocese, and make it an instrument of much good in our country and the world.

I will offer a few thoughts for your consideration touching our several duties, arranging them under different heads, that you may reflect upon them in their proper order.

1st. As to the co-operation of Clergy and Laity in harmonious and energetic action: their interests are so united, the prosperity of the one being that of the other; so indispensable are they to each other, so equal are they in numbers and influence in our conventions, according to the provision of the Constitution, that, as there has been no jealousy and contention between them in times past, so it is not to be feared there will be any in time to come. Instead of our conventions being entirely composed of ministers of religion, to legislate in separate assemblies, we call in the aid of pious and judicious laymen from all the parishes, and also encourage the assembling together of many others at the time and place of meeting, to join in those religious exercises which are so interesting and important an accompaniment to our other duties. By this union of Clergy and Laity in all the deliberative and legislative proceedings of the Church, and the gathering together of many pious and zealous members from different parishes, we are made to feel a more common and a deeper interest in all that is done, and that the promotion of Christ's kingdom belongs, as to many things, equally to all orders of the Clergy and to every layman in the Church. May this happy and harmonious action be perpetuated and increased more and more amongst us, to the edification of the Church in love, and to the greater abundance of all good works; and may the Clergy and Laity of our Diocese ever feel that they are one in Christ, by a living faith, and one in Christ by an active and harmonious movement as members of his mystical body, the Church.

2d. As to the different orders of the ministry: if, as we believe, they are of Divine origin, they must, undoubtedly, unless their relations and duties be most improperly understood and exercised by those invested with them, be productive of order, peace, and effective action. If, in times past, and in other lands, those holding the highest order have, through the infirmity of human nature, or the temptations presented by wealth and power, become lords over God's heritage, instead of examples to the flock, surely a thousand circumstances in our country and State happily combine to prevent even the attempt at such usurpation of authority, and to give him the most influence in the Church who least desires to magnify his office and dictate to others; who wishes all orders of the Clergy, and the two divisions of Laity and Clergy, to hold and exercise their own rights, rather parting with a portion of that authority which his office and the Canons might seem to give, than endeavoring to assume the least which they do not. While such is the condition of the Episcopal office in our Church, such at once the

interest, duty, and true happiness of a Bishop, on the other hand, there is, on the part of the Clergy, a full disposition to accord to the Bishop all the authority and influence which is either necessary or desirable to the successful discharge of his duties, and the full trial of the virtue of his office. Such, certainly, has ever been my experience, even in that subordinate station which I have now occupied for more than twelve years. In not a single instance, during that period of time, have I met with the slightest disposition, on the part of any of my brethren, to withhold from me any thing which properly belongs to the Episcopal office. On the contrary, it has often happened that there was a wish to seek not merely counsel, but even authoritative decisions, where I did not think it proper to give them; often a disposition to rest a responsibility which I thought too great to be imposed on myself or office. Such having ever been the case, surely I may look forward with a pleasing hope to the continuance of the same happy and affectionate relation; and, when death shall dissolve the tie which binds us, may I then, also, be able to say, as I can now say of that connexion which existed between myself and the aged father who has gone before us, that on no single occasion has there ever been the slightest conflict or jealousy as to the authority or duties of the relation between us. While, however, there is this general disposition to accord to the Episcopal office all desirable authority and influence, yet, it must not be imagined that the exercise of the same is unattended at times with painful difficulties and embarrassments, which make us call for the prayers, the charity, the patience and high moral principle of the brethren. We sometimes experience these trials when such confidence is reposed in the judgment and fidelity of the Bishop, on the part of the parishes, as to ask his advice and help in the choice of a minister; or in seeking to procure for the brethren suitable fields of labor, when advice and aid are desired. In such cases, and in all assignments of duty, a Bishop is most solemnly bound to act from the very highest principle of religious duty; and, having regard to all the circumstances of the case, and the character of the stations and candidates, seek to adapt the most suitable ones to each other, so as most to edify the Church of God. In doing this, he cannot always expect to be correct in his judgment, or to meet the expectations and wishes even of his best friends; but he must rigidly pursue what seems the path of duty, and look to the approbation of Heaven for his reward. Thus far, however, I have reason to be thankful for the measure of success which has attended my endeavors to meet the expectations of the parishes, and to give satisfaction to the brethren. I ask the prayers of the whole Church, that I may in this, as in all things, have grace to act from principle, and with an eye singly directed to the glory of God. I think that it is my desire to feel toward the Clergy of this Diocese just as a father to the younger ones, and a brother to the elder ones; and, in the exercise of any influence belonging to my office, and in the direction of their labors, where advice is wished, to act as a father and brother would do, so as to promote their usefulness and happiness, according to the gifts of God to them, for the welfare of his Church. Often, indeed, is our heart pained at thought of worthy brethren, with increasing families, who wish labor in fields which would yield a better harvest of things spiritual and things temporal; but it is not ours to render them a service, which we would gladly do; and, could they see all that passes within us at such thought, and know that it is by far the most painful of our trials, they would pity our anguish, rather than suspect us of indifference. In this, as in all other things wherein our mutual relations are concerned, we have only to seek the path of duty, laying aside our own will, and choosing that of God, remembering Him who pleased not himself, and we shall be guided and blessed.

3d. Having thus attended to the relation between the Clergy and Laity, and to that between myself and the brethren, I would now speak in few words as to that which binds the clergy to each other, a deeply affecting one, on which the honor and efficacy of Christ's kingdom greatly depends. They, especially, should love as brethren; remembering how good it is to dwell together in unity; how it is like unto the precious ointment which ran down upon the beard, and even to the skirts of the garment, of him who was first in the order of God's ordained ministers. God hath hitherto blessed us with a large share of this cementing grace. This it is which hath brought us together in such numbers from distant parts of this widely extended Diocese, has been the charm of our meetings, and especially marked the closing scene thereof. I hope that it may still be regarded by us as greater than faith and hope, and the knowledge of all mysteries, and the eloquence of tongues, and that it may never fail from amongst us. As one means of promoting this brotherly kindness, let us be careful to cherish a spirit of deepest humility before God. It is in lowliness of mind only that we shall esteem others better than ourselves, and thus be disposed in honor, to prefer one another. Even though we cannot sometimes but think that, by comparison with others we might have been more honored, yet should we remember our Lord's example, who, though not only thinking, but well knowing, that in him it was no robbery to be equal with God, yet voluntarily made himself of no reputation and consented to be treated as one of the lowest of the human race. If such a spirit as this had ever been in the hearts of all Bishops and other ministers, in all councils and other assemblies and operations of God's Church, how much more of peace and love would have prevailed in the same, and from what reproach

would religion have been saved. God hath blessed us with no small share of this grace, also, in times past, and if we seek more and more, it shall be given more abundantly, and we shall always remember what our Lord said to those disciples who wished to secure the first places in his kingdom, learning thereby that, to be truly great, we must become as little children.

If this spirit of humility and love be in us, it will also be seen in all our judgments and conduct one to another, as to those opinions and sentiments which divide pious ministers of the Gospel. God has, indeed, blessed us with a remarkable degree of unanimity as to those points of doctrine and practice which, in some degree, divide the ministers of our Church; and yet there has ever been great freedom of thought and expression amongst us, and some diversity of sentiment, without at all interfering with brotherly love. We know how, while earnestly contending for the great principles of the faith, to agree to differ on minor and more doubtful points; and from this spirit of Christian charity I hope there will be no departure.

4th. But while, by the exercise of brotherly kindness and charity, we thus avoid evils which have sometimes greatly afflicted the Church of God, we should remember that God's ministers and people must not only cease to do evil, but learn to do well. His people are a peculiar people in this respect—they are zealous of good works; and his ministers should be as a flame of fire—not only shining, but burning lights. Without great zeal and labor, much will not be done in building up our Zion and saving souls. It is not only good to be zealously affected in a good thing, but lukewarmness is a most odious and offensive thing in the sight of God. It will sometimes happen that faithful and laborious ministers will not see much fruit of their labors, either through the limited size of their field, or from the barrenness of the soil, or multitude of very noxious weeds which infest it; but, for the most part, the fruit of diligence will appear; and seldom does a man work with a hearty zeal, praying as heartily for God's blessing on all the suitable means used, without considerable success. Our parishes, I know, are generally small, and the families connected with our Church, though interesting and intelligent, but few. The poor, though still in the land, have generally failed out of our churches, so that our ministers, often in sadness of heart, feel that it cannot be said, in truth, that the Gospel is preached to the poor by them. I know that this is a great grief to many, and hope that all will strive more diligently to supply the defect, by paying especial attention to any poor persons who may be so situated as to be drawn by ministers into the Church. We ought to rejoice more over one such convert than over a rich one, and feel that, in the sight of God, a neglect of one such poor person is more criminal and offensive than of a rich one; for Christ says he dwells in the poor, and will receive any kindness done to them as intended for himself, and will resent any neglects, as offered to himself. There is one class of the poor of this world abounding in our parishes, which I cannot too often and earnestly commend to your pastoral care. The subject was presented to you at the last Convention in a report, of which I would remind you, and which I should be glad to see republished in some way that will bring it before the eyes of our people. I am happy to know that there is an increased sense of duty towards the servants, on the part of some of the Clergy, especially the younger ones, whose first love and labors in the ministry have been in a good measure directed to this subject. I hope it will never abate, but that, from the press and pulpit, from house to house, by day and by night, on the Sabbath and other days, they will seek to bring down God's blessing on the Gospel faithfully preached to these, the poor of our land. If the first men in the ministry of our Mother Church—men of birth, and fortune, education, and talents—devote themselves, as many do, entirely to large congregations of the very poor—far poorer often than our servants; where sometimes scarce a family of birth, education, or refinement is to be found—should not all of our ministers feel it a privilege to spend some portion of their time in attending to these most ignorant and neglected ones, whom our common Father made of one blood with ourselves, and for whom, as for us, our Saviour died. Let us, my brethren, seek all opportunities of ministering to them, and of pressing the duty of their religious instruction upon their owners. Just in proportion as the ministers of religion shall feel deeply and labor zealously in this cause, will the masters and mistresses be influenced to do the same. If the former be indifferent and inactive, the latter will be negligent, and their consciences fall asleep. In this respect, it will surely be, like priest, like people; and, therefore, it becomes the Clergy to feel the heavy responsibility resting upon them. It should encourage us to action in this cause, to think that a small congregation becomes quite large when considered as comprehending this class of our fellow-beings. Nor would our ministers be less benefitted than their hearers; for in seeking to bless the poor, themselves will be blessed of the poor man's friend. Moreover, a better school there cannot be for learning how to practice that foolishness of preaching by which God is pleased to save men; and he who does not know how to preach the Gospel to the poor, does not know how to preach as Christ and the Apostles preached.

While on this subject, we cannot refrain from expressing our gratification in the knowledge that the hearts of some of the Laity are more and more alive to this duty, and that they will be ready to encourage the Clergy to a trial of their ministry among the servants. May

God put it into their hearts, and into the hearts of their wives and children, to take an active part in the use of the necessary means for accomplishing the desired object. If such persons as Wilberforce, the Thorntons, and Mrs. Hannah More felt it to be a duty and honor to teach in the Sunday-schools of England, where the poorest of her children were collected to receive instruction, surely it would not be regarded as beneath any of our Christians in Virginia to take part in teaching the Truths of Heaven to our ignorant servants. For our encouragement, let it again be mentioned, that not only the ministers of religion, but some of the first amongst the masters and mistresses of the South, spend a portion of the Sabbath, in the churches or other places, in delivering oral instruction to the servants; and let the question be renewed, whether, in many of our congregations, Sunday-schools for oral instruction to the servants, under the care of the minister and members of the church, might not easily be raised and effectually prosecuted.

5th. As, however, we would have our Church to be made the instrument of the greatest good in the world, I hope we shall not confine our labors and zeal to the poor and ignorant of our own State or land; but that our hearts will be enlarged and our hands stretched out with the Gospel to all lands.

Let me, therefore, commend to your generous and hearty zeal and liberality the great missionary cause, whose field is the world, beginning with the destitute places of Virginia—extending to the thick forests of the West—crossing the wide Atlantic—and traversing the globe; knowing no other bounds but the habitation of the lost race of man. I shall ever consider our Diocese to be then in her best state, when she is most zealously engaged in such works; that when she seeks thus to water others, herself will be most abundantly watered of Heaven. It is difficult to conceive how an individual or a Church can grow in favor with God, except when faithfully praying for, generously giving to, and diligently laboring for, the extension of the Gospel far and near, according to Christ's will and command. We hope that the Clergy of this Diocese will study this subject more and more, and press it most earnestly on the consciences of their hearers. All our operations, foreign and domestic, are now suffering for want of that support which the Church can so easily give. In order to furnish the required means regularly and sufficiently, more system than is usually adopted is indispensably necessary. If we cannot in many of our parishes conveniently pursue the primitive plan of weekly offerings, yet still there might be stated and frequent periods when the results of labor, self-denial, and generosity shall be brought into the Church, received by the ministers and others appointed for the purpose, and applied according to the wishes of the donors. While on this subject, I would suggest to my brethren the advantage of presenting the great objects of Christian benevolence often and fully in the larger assemblies of the Sabbath morning, so that all may be informed, rather than leave them to some special meetings, where only the few who are already interested will probably attend.

In order to promote the great missionary cause, let me commend to your prayers, your alms, and continued support, our Theological Seminary. Its instrumentality in promoting the missionary spirit and preparing missionaries for foreign fields, has ever endeared this institution to many hearts, and, I doubt not, attracted to it a large share of the blessings of Heaven. Most important and valuable it is to us, as a means of supply to the wants of Virginia, and much has it done for other portions of the United States; but what if the wants of Virginia and of our whole land, through this and other institutions, were already amply supplied, its work would be but just begun. The whole world is its field—that world in various distant parts of which its alumni are already to be found, and into which thousands ought annually to be sent from Christian lands. Let me exhort you, then, to attempt great things, and expect great things through the agency of our Seminary, never better fitted than at present to be an effective instrument in the hands of God for accomplishing the high hopes of its friends. And let it ever be remembered by Christian parents and ministers, that the support it most needs is students of right hearts. To this let their prayers be directed. As an auxiliary to this, let me also commend to your prayers and patronage our High School, designed not merely to educate our sons in all that is useful for this life, but in that which is needful for the next, and even to prepare the more pious, who are looking forward to the ministry, for the higher studies of the Seminary. So far as I am able to judge, I believe it to be conscientiously and diligently conducted, with a view to the great objects of its establishment.

To these few suggestions as to some of the means of promoting the truest prosperity of our Diocese, I will only add one word on the duty of cultivating peace and love with the pious of every name and denomination amongst us. Without that intercommunity of religious services, which is so apt to lead to discord and confusion, there are occasions when, as ministers and Christians, we can testify our love to all those who love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity and truth. A tender regard for the pious who differ from us is not at all inconsistent with a zealous attachment to the peculiarities of our own Church, and an inculcation of them at proper times, in proper ways, and according to their relative importance. The revival of our Church in Virginia has, directly, and indirectly also, been a great blessing to our State;

not only introducing a number of faithful and intelligent ministers of our communion, and rearing up numerous congregations of the same, but increasing the zeal and efforts of others, multiplying other ministers and assemblies; and, although some envying and jealousy has, through the infirmity of our nature, too often mingled with these efforts, yet, on the whole, good has been done; Christ has been more abundantly preached, and thereat, with the Apostle, we do rejoice, and will rejoice, trusting that the Great Head of the Church will go on to correct all that is evil, and bring good out of it. By acting well the part assigned us, pursuing a prudent and conciliatory course, without the sacrifice of any principle, we shall promote the welfare of the whole, make friends of the pious, the candid, and the intelligent; shall receive and communicate good, shall know no enemies, (as our deceased father would often say,) but the enemies of Christ, and throw open the doors of our Church as wide as those of heaven itself. As one of the means of promoting Christian love, while at the same time spreading abroad the knowledge of the Lord, let me commend to your prayers and charity that excellent institution over which our deceased father so long presided, and which was ever so dear to his heart—I mean the Bible Society of Virginia. I rejoice to know that one of our own brethren is its zealous agent, and hope that no year may ever be permitted to pass by in one of our congregations without a generous collection for its benefit.

Having thus adverted to some things worthy of our consideration and observance in prosecuting the work assigned to our joint efforts, it is time that I should come to a narrative of those partial services rendered to the Diocese since our last meeting. They have been fewer in number than in any past year, through bodily indisposition, which led me to ask (what was kindly granted) a respite from labor during the last summer. I need not inform you that the period of relaxation was spent in a visit to the land and Church of our fathers. Having already, in a few brief letters, published in our Diocesan paper, stated the great kindness experienced while there, and the satisfaction enjoyed in witnessing much that came under observation, mentioning some facts which might not only interest, but edify my brethren and friends, I shall forbear the repetition of the same, except simply to advert to the wonderful providence of God over our Mother Church in times past, and his great grace in making her what she now is, by comparison with what she has been. Always laboring, as she has done, both before and since the Reformation, under many disadvantages, though attended with some greater advantages, from her connection with the State, always suffering not a little from many unworthy ministers, who still adhered to her, not from attachment to her doctrines, discipline, and worship, but from a love of revenues; a period also arrived when lukewarmness came over and settled itself upon the great body of her Clergy, and a meagre morality and lifeless theology was substituted for the plain and faithful exhibition of the Gospel of the grace of God, which so strongly marked the preaching of the reformers. From that lifeless condition it, however, pleased God, by various instruments, to arouse the Church of England during the latter part of the last century; and, from that to the present period, there has been a regular and great increase of faithful ministers, evangelical preaching, and pious members of her communion. The pulpit and the press, the Laity and the Clergy, have vied with each other in their endeavors to spread the spirit and doctrines of the Gospel over the whole Church and land, and, by the blessing of God, great has been the success.

Such has been the acknowledgment of the candid and pious of every name in England; and the traveller from our land, however prejudiced by birth and education, has been forced to admit its truth. It is, however, to be lamented, that, within the last few years, some have sprang up within the bosom of the Church, who, while acknowledging the glorious improvement in her character, by means of the faithful and zealous exhibition of truths hitherto neglected, have nevertheless sought, by a very serious change in the manner of preaching, and by giving undue prominence to things of less importance, to bring about something like another reformation, professing itself to be more allied to the Church in primitive times. It is deeply to be lamented that, while God had so signally blessed the ministry and preaching of the last fifty years, under which the Church of England and America had been so wonderfully improving, any of her ministers, not content with pursuing more and more zealously the same, should strike out into some other path, venturing on an experiment, which, so far as it had hitherto been tried, had proved fatal to true piety. The result thus far has been truly unhappy; though we trust the kind providence of God will bring good even out of this evil. The tendency of the system to which I allude, in some of its doctrines and usages, is evidently towards some things in the Church of Rome, which our reformers most clearly renounced. The enemies of our Church have always delighted to ascribe such a tendency to her. Many pious persons of other communions, not examining its truth for themselves, were induced to believe that such was actually the case. This, which has ever been an obstacle to the conversion and return of numbers to our Church, has been gradually passing away from the minds of the candid, and an acknowledgment becoming general that our reformers established, between the Church of England and of Rome, a line so broad and deep that fellowship was impossible; a line deeply stained with the blood of thousands of martyrs, who died the most cruel deaths, rather than for a moment assent to doctrines and practices of



the Church of Rome, which some would now have us believe differ little from our own. It is one of the evils of this new movement that it has again revived fears and prejudices in the minds of many truly sincere and pious persons, as to the affinity between the Church of Rome and our own, emboldening those who ought to know and speak otherwise to use it in a spirit of party against our Church. We may, however, now, as of old, boldly affirm that no Church in Protestant Christendom more fearlessly contended for the faith once delivered to the saints, and more thoroughly renounced all the unchristian doctrines and practices of Rome; and it becomes both our ministers and people more carefully to review the bloody contest, and know for what our forefathers fought, seeing there are those within our own communion who are disposed to make light of some of the causes of the Reformation, and even to regret some of the changes effected thereby; and seeing, also, that Rome herself, as if waking up from sleep, is now in our own and mother country, putting forth new and more vigorous efforts to recover what she had lost.

I cannot, while on this subject, but commend to the notice of my brethren some short and well-written essays now in the course of publication in some of our religious papers, by our venerable presiding Bishop, and which I hope will be republished in some form better calculated to perpetuate them. In these numbers, while the differences between our Church and that of Rome, in many important particulars, are very truly and forcibly set forth, the peculiar opinions and practices of the Tractarians receive their merited condemnation. I dismiss this painful subject with only one other remark. It is the most frequent and plausible praise bestowed upon the leaders of this party, and used even as an excuse for their errors by those who cannot but condemn much of their doctrine, that the state of things in the Church of England called for some new and stronger exhibition of certain peculiarities in her polity which distinguished her from other Protestant Churches; that those who for the last fifty years had been the instruments of reviving true piety within her pale, by insisting upon the true doctrines of the Gospel and the holy observance of its precepts, had been too negligent of those external arrangements of Christ's kingdom, which, though of minor importance by comparison with the great doctrines of life, are, nevertheless, of great importance, by reason of their use in the preservation of order and unity, and their value in many other respects.

It has moreover, been affirmed, that by reason of their agreement with pious dissenters in the leading doctrines of revelation, and in the promotion of various pious and benevolent works, there was danger of greater neglect of the distinctive principles of the Church. That such was in some measure, the case with some of the members, and Ministers of the establishment, is not to be denied, but the evil was undergoing correction without the help of that extravagance into which the leaders of this new school were hurried, even as to their views of Church polity and sacerdotal authority, to say nothing of their Heretical opinions and Romanistic tendencies. The Protestant dissenters of England with the exception of the followers of Mr. Wesley have for many years, been more and more clearly uniting together with the Romanists, Radicals, and Infidels, in a steady and organized opposition to the established Church, so as to make the most truly Catholic and charitable of her communion feel the necessity of guarding themselves and her, most effectually against assault. This with many other causes, was operating so as effectually to prevent the evil apprehended, and it was surely unnecessary to bring in another and worse error, other and more injurious extreme, to correct what was only apprehended. Still less were such writings and their extravagant doctrines needed in our own country and Church where so many circumstances had from the first combined to place the defence of our principles on the ground of scripture and primitive practice, rather than any human establishment, and where works containing such arguments in its behalf have been ever so freely used. And as to the danger of too much intercommunion with our Christian brethren of other denominations, unfortunately, too many circumstances attending the efforts to build up our churches, not only serve as an effectual antidote to that, but strongly tempt our frail nature to the indulgence of feelings which we would fain suppress, as contrary to that charity which should ever rejoice to hope all things.

I trust this notice of one of those "erroneous and strange doctrines," which from time to time, in all ages, have assailed the peace of the Christian Church, and which the Bishops are solemnly sworn "to banish and drive away," as far as they can, while seeking to promote love and peace among all Christian people, will not appear improper for one who has endeavored to give the subject a full and impartial examination, and has been since we parted, in the country where it originated, and in circumstances enabling him to form a more correct judgement of its merits. Let us pray that the great Head of the Church may bring good out this evil also, and by the examination into which it has led, only ground us the more deeply in the faith once delivered to the Saints, and again revived by wise and pious reformers of our branch thereof.

I now enter upon the brief recital of the few services rendered since my last report.

On the Sabbath morning after the Convention adjourned, I administered the rite of confirmation in Christ church, Alexandria. Leaving the country immediately after, I did not return until the meeting of our General Convention in New York, where were convened all

the Bishops of the Church in these United States, twenty in number, and a large body of Clergy and Laity. Many subjects of deep interest were before us and engaged the deliberation of both houses of ecclesiastical confederation. As these have been spread before the public in different ways, it is unnecessary to dwell upon them. I will only mention that the number of our Bishops was increased on that occasion by the consecration of a beloved brother, for the Diocese of Delaware. Two others were nominated and recommended by the house of Bishops, for Africa and Texas, but the measure being considered premature by a small majority of the other house, at a late period of the session, an effort for extending our Church in its complete organization which seemed very important to nearly all of the Bishops, and we must suppose to the great body of Clergy and Laity, throughout our land thus failed for a time. At our next general Convention it is hoped all difficulties will be removed.

At the close of the General Convention, I returned home, by the way of Alexandria, where I preached in St. Paul's church, and afterwards performed some duties at the Seminary and High School. During the winter, I occasionally officiated in the parishes around me, confirming four persons at Millwood, eight in Winchester, and nine in Berryville. Towards the last of January, I visited Richmond and Petersburg, passing through Alexandria and Fredericksburg, preaching in both of them. I spent a week in Petersburg, enjoying much pleasure in beholding the rich fruits of God's grace, in blessing the word, frequently and faithfully preached, and the services of the Church zealously and devotedly used by the rector and many other brethren, who for the last three months, had been almost daily meeting with the people in the house of God, where they never seemed weary with calling on him in prayer and hearing his truth. One of the results of this great grace on the means of Heaven's appointment was the confirmation of ninety-three persons, who it is hoped, not merely with the mouth, but the full consent of their heart, renewed that solemn vow, promise, and profession made in their baptism, and which none can make, except those who are renewed in the spirit of their minds. While in Petersburg, I also admitted the Rev. Aristides Smith, to Priest's orders, the candidate being presented by the Rev. Mr. Granmer, and the sermon preached by Mr. Cobbs. During my visit to the lower country, I also spent ten days in Richmond, with the brethren in that place, and others from the parishes around, who assisted in having services in one or other of the churches, twice each day. I held confirmation in three of the churches, receiving fifty-three to that rite, and having reason to hope, that many others were not unconcerned for their immortal souls. On my return, the 22d of February was spent in Fredericksburg, where Mr. Edward McGuire Jr., was admitted to the Deaconship, Mr. Cobbs, preaching, and Mr. Wm. Friend, presenting the candidate. In the evening, eight persons were confirmed. From Fredericksburg I proceeded to Alexandria, and spent two days with the Rev. Mr. Adie and Mr. Dana, in attending the examination of the High School, which, as already stated in the papers, was satisfactory to ourselves and creditable to the pupils and teachers. On that occasion I addressed a discourse to the students at the Seminary, and the youths at the High School and Fairfax Institute. On the following Saturday and Sunday, the 26th and 27th of February, I was engaged in duty at Leesburg, where seventeen persons were confirmed, and the communion administered to them and many others. During the month of March, I again held confirmation at Millwood, Berryville and Winchester, admitting four at the first place, eleven at the second, and three at the last.

Early in April, I set out on the journey which has ended at this place. On the first Sunday, I preached at Zion church in Hampshire county, where only a very few of the small congregation gathered there many years since, now remain. These few seemed glad once more to unite in a worship which is very grateful to their hearts. Crossing the mountains, I proceeded to Clarksburg, where I was pleased to find that the Rev. Mr. McMechin had established a female seminary, adapting one apartment of the building to public worship, where service is performed each Sabbath for those who are partial to our Church. I baptized one adult and several children, and confirmed three. While there, besides preaching repeatedly and administering the communion. Could a missionary of suitable character unite his labors to those of Mr. McMechin, who must necessarily be much occupied with his school, it is believed that a door is now open in that place, and several others in counties around, for laying the foundation of Episcopal churches, which might be gradually built up with the general improvement of the country. A portion of his support would at once be contributed by friends in Western Va. From Clarksburg, I went towards Morgantown, stopping a short time at the house of Mrs. Watson, about ten miles from Morgantown. In this neighborhood are some families which could easily be formed into a small church, which might by God's blessing, be enlarged, in time to come. I baptized several children and confirmed one person in this place. At Morgantown, I was unable through indisposition of body to preach as was expected, but baptized a number of children, most of them colored ones, being the property of a kind Christian master, who feels for their souls as well as provides for their bodies. I should be glad to see many others follow his example, and act as sponsors for the little ones born in their houses. My next services were at St. John's church, in the neighborhood of Wellsburg, where I preached, and confirmed three persons. The following day I consecrated a very neat brick

church in Wellsburg, which was chiefly built by the zeal and liberality of one family. I also confirmed eight persons, in the same. After spending two days in Wellsburg, I went to Wheeling, where in conjunction with some brethren from Va., and Ohio, five days were spent in continued religious exercises. On the Sabbath, fifty-five persons were confirmed, and admitted immediately after to the Lord's table. From Wheeling, I proceeded accompanied by the Rev. Mr. Armstrong, to Parkersburg. This place has increased of late years beyond all others in Western Va. Many excellent and handsome houses have been built on its beautiful sites, and among them two houses of worship. There was however, none to consecrate according to the forms of our Church, as I had hoped, when I last visited it. There is still I think, an opening here, and in the adjoining county, for the successful operation of a suitable, faithful and zealous minister. After spending two days in Parkersburg, I proceeded to Point Pleasant, where the Rev. Mr. Goodwin officiates as Missionary. Here I spent three days in religious services, aided by the Rev. Mr. Armstrong, of Wheeling, and Mr. Craik, of Kenhawa. Eight persons were confirmed on the occasion, and some baptisms administered. I had hoped to have been called upon to consecrate a new church, about twelve miles from Point Pleasant, but it was not in readiness for that ceremony. On my way from Point Pleasant to Coalsmouth, I stopped for a short time at a little village on the Kenhawa, where Mr. Armstrong preached, and I administered the rite of confirmation to two persons. After this I spent one week with our friends at Coalsmouth, Charlestown and the Salines, at the latter of which places, a neat brick church was almost ready for consecration. During our exercises, twenty-five persons were confirmed, and a number of adults baptized.

Thus ended my labors in Western Virginia; concerning which portion of the Diocese I would remark, that it becomes each year a more proper subject for the operation of the Domestic Missionary Society of the Church of Virginia. Although I dare not promise great immediate results from missionary labors judiciously distributed over this mountainous, but rich and interesting region, yet is it highly proper that the Church, in its efforts for its religious improvement, should keep pace with that spirit of enterprise which now seems to animate the citizens of Western Virginia in other things, and which bids fair to render it one day a very important part of our State and country. Two or three missionaries might now be well employed in places which have hitherto received very little attention.

Having concluded my notices of Western Virginia, I feel it to be an act of justice to my brethren, the clergy, of that portion of the Diocese, to notice a circumstance which has obtained publicity through some of our religious papers in such a way as to make a false impression as to their participation in the same. I allude to the proposition for the formation of a new Diocese out of parts of Pennsylvania and Virginia, and for which it has been stated the clergy of Western Virginia are particularly desirous. The fact, as stated to me by the worthy brother who first made the suggestion, is simply this: on meeting with a presbyter of Pennsylvania during the last summer, he mentioned the subject, not having consulted with any one of the other four, who compose the clergy of Western Virginia. The suggestion being well received, a time was proposed for a meeting of the clergy to take the matter into consideration; when it was insisted upon by the brethren of Virginia that it should be held at a time when I was expected at Wheeling, so that the consultation might be in my presence. At a subsequent time, it was also proposed by the same that the laity should be invited to attend. Only two others of the clergy of Western Virginia had ever heard of the proposition, until they saw it announced in the public papers. All of these are, however, now well satisfied that any plan which would disjoin Western from Eastern Virginia would be highly injurious to the former.

My chief reason for adverting to this, is the desire to do away the impression which the publication referred to is calculated to make: that, on the part of the clergy of Western Virginia, there was a want of due consideration for the Episcopal office, in not conferring with me on the subject. Even if it were wrong to consider such a matter without the previous consent of the Bishop, (which I am far from maintaining,) in this case the worthy brother, who begs to be considered as alone responsible among the clergy of Western Virginia, for what was meditated, resolved that nothing should be wanting in the way of due regard to myself and office.

With this explanation I close my lengthened address, and now commit what I have said to the care of Him who loves his Church, and will watch over it and guard it to the end.

WILLIAM MEADE.

The following clergymen appeared and took their seats in Convention, viz : Rev. Upton Beall, Rev. Churchill Gibson, Rev. J. A. Massey, Rev. John H. Wingfield, Rev. Wm. Hodges, Rev. Wm. N. Pendleton, Rev. Nicholas H. Cobbs, Rev. Dr. Sparrow, and Rev. E. R. Lippitt, Rev. James McElroy.

The following gentlemen presented their credentials as Lay Delegates, and were reported as entitled to seats in this Convention, viz :

Mr. David May, St. Paul's church, Bristol parish, Petersburg; Mr. Edward C. Fisher, Camden parish, Pittsylvania; Dr. Edward M. Watts, Trinity church, Portsmouth parish; Wm. B. Harrison, Martins Brandon parish, Prince George county; Randolph Harrison, St. James Northam, Goochland and Fluvanna.

The following standing committees were appointed by the President, viz :

*Committee on the State of the Church*—Rev. Mr. Grammar, Rev. Mr. Cobbs, Rev. John McGuire, Rev. Mr. Woodbridge, Rev. Alexander Jones, Gen. Samuel H. Lewis, John Nelson, Col. Thomas N. Burwell, Thomas Nelson, Sr., Thomas M. Ambler.

*Committee on Parochial Reports*—Rev. Mr. Adie, Rev. Mr. Boyden, Rev. Mr. Beall, Dr. Isaac Winston, John Chowning.

*Committee on Finance*—Gen. Samuel H. Lewis, Carter Harrison, Thomas Macon, David May, Edmund Fontaine.

*Committee on the Episcopal Fund*—Rev. Mr. Dana, Rev. Mr. Jones, of Clarke, Mr. Cassius F. Lee, George M. Carrington.

*Committee on the Accounts of the Treasurer of the Missionary Society*—Rev. Mr. Atkinson, Rev. Mr. Smith, Mr. Randolph Harrison.

*Committee on the Admission of new Parishes*—Rev. Mr. Bowers, Rev. Mr. Sale, Edmund Fontaine, Col. Francis H. Smith.

*Committee on the Fund for the support of Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen*—Rev. Mr. Wingfield, Rev. Wm. M. Jackson, Edward Valentine, J. B. Coles.

Rev. Mr. McFarland presented the application of the Wardens and Vestry of St. John's church, City Point, Prince George county, praying for admission into this Diocese. Referred.

Rev. Mr. Christian presented the application of the Wardens and Vestry of Franklin parish, Franklin county, praying for admission into this Diocese. Referred.

Mr. Christian gave notice, also, that he would, on to-morrow, offer an amendment to the Canons of this Diocese.

Rev. Mr. Woodbridge presented and read the report of the "Executive Committee of the Protestant Episcopal Association for the Promotion Christianity in Virginia;" which, together with the Treasurer's accounts of the same, were referred to the Committee on the Accounts of the Treasurer of the Missionary Society.

The same gentleman read also the report and presented the Treasurer's account of the "Fund for relief of Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen." Referred.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Woodbridge, Thomas Nelson, Sr., was appointed a Trustee of the "Fund for the support of Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen," to supply the vacancy occasioned by the decease of Orrin Williams.

Mr. Thomas Nelson presented the Treasurer's accounts of the Episcopal Fund. Referred.

The Convention adjourned.

FRIDAY, MAY 20, 1842.

The Convention met this morning at the usual time and place.

On motion of Gen. Lewis,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to inquire into the expediency of increasing the compensation of the Bishop of Virginia.

On motion of Mr. Fontaine,

*Resolved*, That a committee, consisting of four of the Clergy and four of the Laity, be appointed to consider and report to this Convention some appropriate mode of expressing its sense of the loss which the Church has sustained in the death of its late venerable and beloved Diocesan, and also of testifying its respect for his memory.

The following gentlemen compose the committee on the aforesaid motion : Rev. Messrs. Woodbridge, Cobbs, McGuire, and Adie ; Messrs. Fontaine, Lewis, Burwell, and Carter Harrison.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Grammar,

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to nominate Trustees for the Theological Seminary.

Whereupon, the President named the following gentlemen to compose said committee : Rev. Mr. Grammar, Rev. Mr. Adie, and Gen. Lewis.

Rev. Mr. Adie, from the Committee on Parochial Reports, submitted the following :

The committee beg leave to report that they have performed the duty assigned them to the best of their ability ; and, having each report separately, they have made such alterations as were thought advisable, previous to their being embodied in the Journal of the Convention.

Rev. Mr. Bowers presented the following report and resolution :

*The Committee on the Application of New Parishes, respectfully report :*

That the application from Trinity church, Franklin parish, Franklin county, conflicts with no provision of Canons referring to the formation of parishes ; and that the application from St. John's church, City Point, Prince George county, although referring to provisions in the 11th Canon, complies with the 10th Canon, under which the reverend gentleman presenting it says it, was intended to sue for admission

*Resolved, therefore*, That this Convention receive these parishes into connection with this Diocese.

Adopted.

Rev. Mr. Christian, agreeably to notice given, called the attention of the Convention to an amendment to the Canons of this Diocese ; which having been read, he asked that a select committee be appointed to consider the proposed amendment. Motion laid on the table for the present.

Mr. Charles Gillett presented his credentials as Lay Delegate from St. James' church, Culpeper county, and was admitted to a seat in the Convention.

Rev. Mr. Grammar, from the Committee appointed to nominate Trustees to the Theological Seminary, submitted the following names to the consideration of the Convention, viz :

Rev. Edward C. McGuire, D.D., Rev. N. H. Cobbs, Rev. J. Grammar, Rev. John P. McGuire, Rev. Alexander Jones, Rev. George Adie, Rev. Charles B. Dana, Mr. Robert P. Waring, Mr. Wm. Pollock, Mr. Cassius F. Lee, Mr. Thomas F. Nelson, Mr. John Nelson, Gen. Samuel H. Lewis.

The aforesaid gentlemen were, thereupon, unanimously elected as Trustees of the Theological Seminary for the ensuing three years.

Rev. Mr. Wingfield, from the Committee on the Fund for the Relief of Widows and Orphans, &c., presented the following statement of the Trustees of that Fund, with the annexed report, viz :

*The surviving Trustees of the "Fund for the Relief of the Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen in the Diocese of Virginia," report:*

That the fund still remains in the name and under the management of Mr. John Hooff, Alexandria, to whose account they refer. They at one time contemplated investing the fund in other securities, but the death of one of their body (Mr. Orrin Williams) shortly after the adjournment of the last Convention, and the low price at which they would have been obliged to sell the bank stock of the District of Columbia, in which the largest part of the fund is invested, induced them to defer the change. The dividends and interest accruing have been collected by Mr. Hooff, and paid to the Treasurer of the Society organized for the same benevolent object under a resolution of the Convention.

WILLIAM WILLIAMS, *Treasurer and Trustee*.  
WILLIAM H. HUBBARD, *Trustee*.

Your committee find the above report of Messrs. Williams and Hubbard to be correct.

Mr. Fontaine, at whose suggestion the amendmont proposed by the Rev. Mr. Christian was laid on the table, offered the following :

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to inquire whether the 12th Canon does not require amendment, and that they have leave to report a substitute therefor.

Which having been accepted by the mover of the original preamble and resolution, and adopted by the Convention, the following gentlemen were appointed the committee thereon: Rev. Mr. Christian, Rev. Mr. Atkinson; Messrs. Fontaine and Lewis.

Rev. Mr. Christian moved the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas the extent of territory and the number of churches in this Diocese is so great as to deprive it of the advantages of frequent Episcopal visitations, and thereby impede the growth and prosperity of the Church; be it therefore

*Resolved*, That it is the sense of this Convention, that the division of this Diocese would greatly promote the interests of the Church therein.

*Resolved*, That a committee consisting of five clergymen and three laymen be appointed to bring in a bill which shall divide the Diocese and designate the line of division and also which portion of the Diocese shall be denominated the new one, and to report the same to this Convention, if practicable, if not, to the next.

After some conversation in reference to a point of order, and of the expediency of presenting said resolutions at this time

Mr. Cassius F. Lee moved to lay the whole subject on the table, whereupon Gen. Lewis in seconding the motion moved also the previous question.

Mr. Thomas Nelson, Sr., called for the ayes and noes on the latter motion, but at the request of several gentlemen subsequently withdrew the call. The previous question being sustained the main question was put and carried without division.

The Bishop now made the following communication to the Convention:

BRETHREN AND FRIENDS: Since the decease of our beloved father, Bishop Moore, my thoughts have often been led to a subject which I now wish to propose for your consid-

ration—I mean the appointment of an Assistant Bishop, to aid me in the arduous duties of this extensive Diocese. During the last twelve years, I have, with the exception of a very few places, performed the whole of the itinerant duties of the Diocese. It has required, on an average, at least eight months in each year, of successive services from day to day, to render what has still appeared to me very inefficient supervision of the Diocese. The effect of this incessant labor of mind and body, has been so injurious to me already, especially to my voice, which is often insufficient for duty, and the attempt to continue the same so likely to result in entire disability, that I feel it a duty to ask, according to the provisions of the Constitution of the Church, that I may have an assistant, who may divide with me the labors of a Diocese, which, from its extent, and other circumstances, is much more difficult to be served than any other in our country. I do this under the advice of many friends, and also of physicians, who are competent to judge of my infirmities. Hoping that you will accede to my request, and that God may guide you in the choice of a suitable person,

I remain your faithful friend and brother in Christ,

WILLIAM MEADE.

Col. F. H. Smith thereupon offered the following, which was subsequently withdrawn:

*Resolved*, That yielding to the necessity presented by the Bishop of this Diocese for aid in the discharge of his Episcopal duties, this Convention do adopt the recommendation of the Bishop, and will proceed to-morrow, at 8 o'clock to the election of an Assistant Bishop of this Diocese.

After some discussion, and in order to obtain the sense of the Convention on both the foregoing subjects, the Rev. Mr. Woodbridge offered the following, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to report on the communication of the Bishop to the Convention, in relation to the election of an Assistant Bishop, or the division of the Diocese, to consist of four clergymen and four laymen and to report at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

The committee appointed on said resolution consisted of the Rev. Messrs. Woodbridge, Grammer, J. P. McGuire and Adie, and Messrs. Lewis, Burwell, Carter Harrison, and Fontaine.

Rev. Mr. Smith presented certain resolutions to be laid on the table for the present, and to be called up hereafter for consideration.

Rev. John Towles and Rev. J. H. Morrison appeared and took their seats in Convention.

Rev. Mr. Towles presented the application of the vestry of St. Stephen's church, Cedar Gum parish, Fauquier county, for admission into the Diocese, which, on being referred to the appropriate committee, was reported upon favorably and the prayer granted.

Mr. William Williams, lay delegate from the aforesaid parish, presented his credentials and was admitted to a seat in this Convention.

Rev. Mr. Woodbridge from the select committee appointed for the purpose, presented the following:

The Committee appointed to take into consideration the communication of the Bishop, to this Convention relating to the election of an Assistant Bishop, and also the proposition for the division of the Diocese have discharged the duty assigned them, and beg leave respectfully to report. *That it is inexpedient to divide the Diocese* at this time for the following reasons.

1st. The impossibility of fixing upon any geographical limits or other well defined boundaries either by Counties or Parishes on either side of which there should be the requisite canonical number of presbyters, the whole number being only about sixty.

2nd. The difficulty of dividing the funds of the Diocese, and establishing any regulations for the control and support of the Theological Seminary and High School.

3rd. The impolicy of separating the Church in this Diocese which hitherto has been so harmonious and conduced so much to the binding together and consolidating the different sections of the State.

4th. That fact that an associate would have to be appointed to the present Bishop, whichever of the two divisions he might select.

5th. This plan would postpone the relief of the Bishop for at least three years, a period when relief might no longer be availing, and moreover, the Convention, at either of its two succeeding sessions, might act upon this subject in time for the General Convention. Your Committee, therefore, deem it inexpedient at this time to take any action upon the subject of a division of the Diocese.

With respect to the election of an Assistant Bishop, the only remaining subject submitted to their consideration, your Committee deem it highly expedient that it should be done at once. The Bishop's health imperatively demands repose. If he attempt to discharge the duties which will devolve upon him during the present season, unaided by an assistant, the worst consequences are to be apprehended. His Physicians prescribe repose as absolutely necessary to the continuance of even his present health. They therefore, respectfully recommend to this Convention, the election of an Assistant Bishop.

On motion, *Resolved*, that the report of the select committee be accepted.

On motion, that this Convention will proceed on to-morrow at 9, A. M., to the election of an Assistant Bishop, the ayes and noes were demanded, and ordered accordingly. Motion carried in the affirmative, ayes 47, noes 20.

Convention adjourned.

## SATURDAY, MAY 21, 1842.

The Convention met agreeably to adjournment at 9, A. M.

Bishop Meade opened the meeting with prayer.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Slaughter, and agreeably to adjournment, the Convention proceeded to the election of an assistant Bishop.

After some appropriate remarks by the Bishop, in reference to the importance of the work they were now about to be engaged in, the Clergy and Laity, with all present, were called upon, as usual on such occasions, to devote a few moments in silent prayer to Almighty God, for the aid and guidance of His Holy Spirit.

In compliance with the 5th article of the Constitution, the Convention was then organized into two deliberative and elective bodies.

Rev. Messrs. Atkinson and Grammar were appointed Tellers on part of the Clergy.

Rev. Mr. Atkinson rose and said, that, although aware the name of no individual had been formally announced to the Convention as a candidate for the high trust about to be bestowed, it was known to many of the friends of the Rev. Mr. Cobbs, that that gentleman's name had been mentioned in connection with the office of Assistant Bishop. He would, therefore, state to the friends of Mr. Cobbs, and at his particular request, the desire that his name might not be used; and, further, that he had deposited with him (Mr. A.) his ballot for Dr. Johns, of Maryland.

General Lewis, in a few remarks addressed to the Laity, stated (in corroboration, if necessary, of what had been said) that a similar request was made through him of the Rev. Mr. Cobbs.

Whereupon, the Clergy proceeded to cast their votes; and, on the first ballot, it appeared that the whole number of votes taken were 49; of which number, the Rev. John Johns, D.D., of Maryland, received 43.



The Rev. Dr. Johns was, thereupon, nominated by the Clergy to the Laity as a suitable person for the office of Assistant Bishop of Virginia.

Mr. John Nelson and Mr. Cassius F. Lee were appointed Tellers.

The votes of the Laity were then received; and, on the first ballot, announced to be as follows: whole number of votes given 33; of which the Rev. John Johns, D.D., of Maryland, obtained 25.

The Rev. Dr. Johns was then declared by the President to be Canonically elected Assistant Bishop of Virginia.

On motion of Mr. John Nelson, *ordered*, That Bishop Meade be requested to communicate with Dr. Johns on his election to the Episcopate of this Diocese.

On motion, *Resolved*, That this Convention do consider the election of Dr. Johns *unanimous*.

The Convention then went into an election for a standing committee for the ensuing year.

Rev. Mr. Slaughter nominated the following gentlemen, viz: Rev. Dr. Sparrow, Rev. E. R. Lippitt, Rev. C. B. Dana, Mr. E. I. Lee, Mr. John Hoeff, Mr. C. F. Lee.

The aforesaid gentlemen were then unanimously elected the standing committee of this Diocese for the ensuing year.

Rev. E. R. Lippitt read the minutes of proceedings of the Standing Committee for the year past, all of which were approved.

Rev. Mr. Woodbridge presented the following:

*The special Committee appointed to consider so much of the Bishop's address as relates to the late Bishop of this Diocese, have performed the duty assigned them and beg leave to report:*

Whereas, this Convention deeply feel the loss of that venerable man and Father in God, the Rt. Rev. Richard Channing Moore, who has for so many years presided at their meetings, and whose patriarchal form was wont to be the first object they saw when they assembled together, but whom God hath now taken to himself, full of years and full of honors: and deeming it expedient to express their high sense of his services and their gratitude to God, who has so long spared him to the Church in Virginia, therefore:

*Resolved*, That the Church in this Diocese owes much of its success to his singular wisdom and prudence, and that we esteem it an evidence of the goodness of God, that one of such high and peculiar qualifications, should have been so long spared, to guide us by his councils and edify us by his example.

*Resolved*, That in the unbending integrity of his principles, in the uniform consistency of his life, in the primitive simplicity of his manners, in the affectionate tenderness of his disposition, in his quiet, pacific and conciliatory deportment towards all men, in the fervor and zeal, the fidelity and eloquence with which he preached the Gospel of Christ; in the promptitude and diligence, the love and sympathy which he manifested as Pastor of a Congregation; in the prudence, moderation and paternal spirit with which he administered the affairs of the Diocese; in the judgment with which he presided over the deliberations of the Convention, and the patient attention with which he listened to all who opposed his sentiments; in the condescension and kindness which marked his intercourse with the clergy, he has established for himself a character which, for the loveliness of its graces and the brightness of its example, the Church in Virginia may delight to contemplate, and which she may well cherish as one of her most valuable legacies.

*Resolved*, That we tender to his surviving family our most affectionate respect and sympathy, and that it be recommended to the Church throughout the Diocese, to subscribe for his life and sermons, about to be published by the Rev. Dr. Henshaw.

*Resolved*, That this Convention present to the Rt. Rev. William Meade, assurances of their warmest respect and affection; their fidelity and attachment, and that by the help of God, they will do all in their power to promote his welfare and happiness and to support his authority.

*Resolved*, That a copy of these Resolutions be forwarded to the Bishop's family.

Rev. Wm. Grammer moved to refer the subject of the necessary amount required for the support of the assistant Bishop, to a select committee.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Pendleton,

*Resolved*, That the Committee to be appointed to take into consideration the subject of a support for the Assistant Bishop, consist of three clerical and three lay members of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, and three other clerical and three other lay members of this Convention the whole to be designated by the Bishop.

The following gentlemen were accordingly appointed said Committee:

Rev. Messrs. Pendleton, J. McGuire, Cobbs, Atkinson, Grammer and Wingfield; and Messrs. Lewis, Thos. Nelson Sr., John Nelson, Randolph Harrison, Ed. Valentine and F. D. Smith.

Gen. Lewis from the Committee on finance presented and read the following, viz:

The Committee of Finance have, according to order, performed the duty assigned them, and beg leave to report:

That, according to the account of our Treasurer, there was on the 19th day of May, 1842, a balance of \$775 98

Out of which there remains unpaid, for defraying the expenses of two of the Lay Deputies to the late General Convention in New York 146 75

Amount of contributions from the several parishes to the contingent fund 699 23  
1968 75

Total - - - - - \$2697 98

*Contributions to Contingent Fund.*

Antrim parish, Halifax,	-	-	-	-	-	-	50 00
Boyden parish, Augusta,	-	-	-	-	-	-	6 00
Bloomfield parish, Madison,	-	-	-	-	-	-	11 00
Buck Mountain Church, Albermanle,	-	-	-	-	-	-	7 00
Bath Parish, Dinwiddie,	-	-	-	-	-	-	20 00
Bruton parish, Williamsburg,	-	-	-	-	-	-	29 00
Christ church, Norfolk,	-	-	-	-	-	-	160 00
Christ church, Fredericksville parish,	-	-	-	-	-	-	34 00
Cople parish, Westmoreland,	-	-	-	-	-	-	5 00
Christ church, Winchester,	-	-	-	-	-	-	30 00
Christ church, Richmond City,	-	-	-	-	-	-	52 00
Centarion church, Elizabeth City parish,	-	-	-	-	-	-	4 00
Chuckatuck parish, Nansemond,	-	-	-	-	-	-	3 00
Cumberland parish, Lunenburg,	-	-	-	-	-	-	23 50
Camden parish, Pitsylvania,	-	-	-	-	-	-	5 00
Christ church, Alexandria,	-	-	-	-	-	-	70 00
Christ church, St. Anns' parish,	-	-	-	-	-	-	9 00
Christ church, Millwood parish,	-	-	-	-	-	-	30 00
Christ church, St. Georges' parish, Spottsylvania,	-	-	-	-	-	-	7 50
Clarksburg, (per Bishop Meade,) -	-	-	-	-	-	-	7 00
Christ church parish, Lancaster,	-	-	-	-	-	-	17 00
Dettinger parish, -	-	-	-	-	-	-	11 00
Grace church, Caroline, -	-	-	-	-	-	-	15 00
Hungar's parish, Northampton, -	-	-	-	-	-	-	25 00
Hampshire, (per Bishop Meade,) -	-	-	-	-	-	-	2 00
King George Court House, (chapel,) -	-	-	-	-	-	-	3 00
Kenawha Parish, (per Bishop Meade,) -	-	-	-	-	-	-	27 75
Lunenburg parish, Richmond Co., -	-	-	-	-	-	-	11 00
Lexington parish, Amherst, -	-	-	-	-	-	-	30 00
Leeds parish, Fauquier, -	-	-	-	-	-	-	17 00
Lytleton Parish, Cumberland, -	-	-	-	-	-	-	14 50

Amount carried forward, - - - - - 717 96



Hamilton parish, Fauquier, - - - - -	15 50
Holstein parish, Washington, - - - - -	8 50
Lynchaven parish, Princess Ann, - - - - -	6 50
Meade parish, Fauquier, - - - - -	4 50
Point Pleasant parish, Mason, - - - - -	4 50
St. Thomas' church, Middleton Frederick, - - - - -	5 00
Norborne parish, Berkeley, - - - - -	55 50
St. Matthew's, Wheeling, - - - - -	8 50
St. George's, Accomac, - - - - -	21 50
St. George's church, Fredericksburg, - - - - -	21 50
St. Margaret's, Caroline, - - - - -	2 00
St. John's church, Berkeley parish, Spottsylvania, - - - - -	8 00
St. Paul's church, Alexandria, - - - - -	36 50
St. Paul's, King Geo. and Washington parishes, Westmoreland, - - - - -	15 00
Trinity church, Shepherdstown, - - - - -	12 00

Year committee have also had under consideration the resolution to increase the compensation paid to the Bishop of the Diocese, and have come to the following resolution: that one thousand dollars per annum be paid to Bishop Meade for his services, and also, that he be paid the amount of his necessary expenses in performing his Episcopal duties.

*William H. Hubbard, Treasurer, in account with the Episcopal Convention of Virginia.*

1841.		Dr.	
May 11.	To cash on hand, per account rendered at this date - - - - -		\$568 79
	To cash received from Convention, per hands Rev. Dr. Empie - - - - -		1,160 75
	To James Dover's receipt for cash, per Rev. B. M. Miller - - - - -		10 00
	To Bishop Meade's receipt for his salary - - - - -	\$600 00	
	Do. travelling expenses and postage - - - - -	50 00	
			650 00
	To Rev. B. M. Miller's receipt for expenses at Convention - - - - -	\$10 00	
	To cash received from Rev. B. M. Miller from Convention - - - - -	1 92	
			11 92
June 9.	To cash received from Rev. G. W. Damm, per hands Mr. Joseph Gill - - - - -		4 00
	To cash received from Mr. James Gray - - - - -		154 00
			<u>\$2,559 46</u>
1842.			
May 12.	To balance brought down - - - - -		\$775 98
1841.		Cr.	
May 26.	By cash paid James Dover, sexton, for services, (voucher No. 1.) - - - - -		\$10 00
	By cash paid Bishop Meade for his salary \$600 00		
	Do. travelling expenses and postage 50 00		
	Do. 400 copies of a pamphlet to be distributed among the parishes 150 00		
			800 00
29.	By cash paid Bishop Moore, his salary for 1841 - - - - -	\$300 00	
	Do. expenses to Alexandria - - - - -	18 00	
			318 00
June 15.	By cash paid Rev. Wm. Norwood, on account of the committee appointed to publish the Constitution and Canons of the Church, (voucher No. 4.) - - - - -		36 81
	By cash paid Mr. Jos. Gill, for trunks, drayage, &c., for Diocese Tracts, (voucher No. 5.) - - - - -		6 75
	By cash paid M. Howell, hack-hire for Bishop Moore, (voucher No. 6.) - - - - -		14 00
Aug. 4.	By cash paid E. R. Lippitt, for printing, &c., (voucher No. 7.) - - - - -		182 35
17.	By cash paid Bishop Moore's expenses to Petersburg and Spottsylvania, (voucher No. 8.) - - - - -		15 00
			<u>\$1,382 01</u>
	Amount carried forward - - - - -		\$1,382 01

<i>Amount brought forward</i>		\$1,393 01
Sept. 23.	By cash paid Rev. Alexander Jones, expenses to Convention at New York, (voucher No. 9.)	50 00
Nov. 2.	By cash paid Wm. Norwood, expenses to Convention at New York, (voucher 10.)	78 12
	By cash paid H. Anthon, Secretary, for contingent expenses of General Convention, (voucher No. 11.)	66 75
13.	By cash paid hearse-hire for burial of Bishop Moore, (voucher No. 12.)	6 00
Dec. 21.	By cash paid for grave-box, (voucher No. 13.)	3 00
1842.		
Jan. 10.	By cash paid exchange on New York, for \$66 75, paid H. Anthon, Secretary General Convention, (voucher No. 14.)	2 45
	By cash paid Rev. N. H. Cobbe, expenses to Convention in New York, (voucher No. 15.)	80 00
15.	By cash paid Bishop Meade, (voucher No. 16.)	60 42
Feb. 3.	By cash paid Bishop Meade, (voucher No. 17.)	40 00
15.	By cash paid Mr. Joseph Gill, for expense in receiving and forwarding Journals of Convention and Board of Missions for 1841, (voucher No. 18.)	3 45
May 12.	By cash paid Rev. B. M. Miller, expenses as Secretary of Convention, (voucher No. 19.)	10 00
	By cash paid postages, (Rev. Alex. Jones and E. I. Lee)	38
	By cash on hand, viz:	
	Deposited in Richmond Savings Institution	\$600 00
	Deposited in the Bank of Virginia	172 51
	Deposited in the Treasurer's hands	3 47
		775 98
		<u>\$2,559 46</u>

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WM. H. HUBBARD.

Rev. T. Smith presented several resolutions, which on being read, were ordered to lay on the table.

Rev. Mr. Christian, from the Committee appointed to take into consideration the expediency of amending the 12th Canon of this Diocese, offered the following report, which was subsequently ordered to be laid over for further consideration until the next Convention.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

The committee appointed to inquire into the expediency of amending the twelfth Canon, beg leave to report, that on examination, they think it highly objectionable, and recommend that it should be stricken out, and another substituted in its place. They would urge upon the convention, the adoption of the substitute which they propose: because, in the first place, it makes provision for the organization of new parishes, and their admission in connexion with the Diocese, which cannot at present be done, in strict accordance with the letter of the Canons. And in the second, because it proposes to alter the mode of dividing Parishes, prescribed by the twelfth Canon. That Canon authorizes a division whenever an old church shall be repaired, or a new one erected, and a vestry shall be elected: provided, that three months' notice has been given to the Rector, Wardens, and Vestry of the Parish. There is no authority vested by that Canon in the Rector or Vestry to arrest such proceedings, however injurious they may be to the interests of the Parish. The newly formed parish may then claim admission in the Convention, and cannot be denied it, without a violation of the Canons, although it may be made to appear to the Convention, that a decision was wholly uncalled for, and undesirable. This feature in the Canon the Committee think particularly objectionable. They think that the Rector, Wardens, and Vestry, are the best judges in the first instance, when a Parish ought to be divided, and have consequently given them the authority. They have likewise provided for the case of a division, which is desired by a part of a Parish, and approved by the Rector, Wardens and Vestry, in which case they allow an appeal to the Convention itself.

E. CHRISTIAN, *Chairman.*

## OF THE ORGANIZING OF NEW PARISHES AND THE DIVISION OF OLD ONES.

Section 1. Any minister, member or friend, of this Church, may, after due notice, call a meeting for the purpose of organizing a Parish in any county or town, in this Diocese, where there is none.

Sec. 2. The meeting shall elect a Vestry and Wardens; shall accede to and ratify the Constitution and Canons of this Diocese, and the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention of this Church, in the United States; and shall also designate the name of the Parish and the Church or Churches therein.

Sec. 3. Any Parish so organized, shall, on application, be received in connexion with the Church in this Diocese, and shall be entitled to all the privileges pertaining to the same.

Sec. 4. Whenever the Rector, Wardens, and Vestry, of any existing Parish shall deem a division of the same desirable, they shall meet for that purpose, and shall designate the line of division, and which portion of the Parish so decided shall be denominated the new one, and shall forward to the Secretary of the Convention, a duly authenticated copy of their proceedings.

Sec. 5. Whenever, in any existing Parish, a number of its inhabitants shall desire a division thereof, which division shall be considered inexpedient by the Rector, Wardens, and Vestry, it shall be the right of those desiring such division, after having given three months notice of their intention to the Rector, Wardens, and Vestry, to apply to the Convention for such division, which, if approved by it, shall entitle said Parish to all the rights and privileges of the Constitution and Canons of the Church.

Sec. 6. The new Parish may then proceed to organize, in the mode prescribed by the 1, 2, and 3, sections of this canon.\*

Mr. Cassius F. Lee resigned his appointment as Lay Member of the Standing Committee, and nominated Dr. Orlando Fairfax. Concurred in.

Rev. Mr. Dana, from the Committee on the Bishop's Fund, reported as follows:

The Committee on the Episcopal Fund, have received from the Wardens of Christ church, Alexandria, the following statement, which they beg leave to present to the Convention as their report.

C. B. DANA,  
GEO. M. CARRINGTON,  
W. G. H. JONES,  
CASSIUS F. LEE.

ALEXANDRIA, May 17, 1842.

The Trustees of the Bishop's Fund, report that since the last Convention, they have from the dividends of the stock of the Farmers Bank of Alexandria, and the Bank of Potomac, purchased three shares of the stock of the first Bank, and one share of the stock of the second. At the last Convention, the number of shares of the Farmers Bank was 105. The number now, is 108. The number of shares in the Potomac Bank was eight. The number now, is nine.

There are in the hands of the Trustees, unemployed, forty-seven dollars.

The par value of the 108 shares of the Farmers Bank, is	- - - - -	\$5,400 00
Of the nine shares of Bank of Potomac	- - - - -	900 00
Cash in hand	- - - - -	47 00

6,347 00

Nine Shares of the Bank of Alexandria, par value of \$200 per share,	-	1,800 00
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\$8,147 00

No dividend has been received, or is expected, from the Bank of Alexandria. When its affairs are closed, it is expected, that some portion of the stock will be received, but how much is uncertain.

E. I. LEE,  
HO. CLAGETT.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Grammer,

**Resolved,** That the following gentlemen be appointed the Executive

\* The Secretary ought perhaps to put the 6th section of this Canon in the place of the 5th, and vice versa.

Committee of the Protestant Episcopal Association for the promotion of Christianity in Virginia, viz :

Rt. Rev. Wm. Meade, D.D., Rev. N. H. Cobbs, Rev. Geo. Woodbridge, Rev. Wm. V. Bowers, Rev. Wm. Norwood, and Mr. William Williams.

*Resolved*, That Mr. William Williams be appointed Treasurer of the Protestant Episcopal Association for the Promotion of Christianity in Virginia.

Rev. Mr. Atkinson read the following report, and moved its adoption, viz :

The committee to whom were referred the accounts of the Treasurer of the Protestant Episcopal Association for the Promotion of Christianity in the Diocese of Virginia, beg leave to report, that they have examined the same, and find them sustained by the proper vouchers, and in all respects correct. The committee find that the receipts of the society have considerably increased since its new organization, but they think that yet they are greatly below what ought to be contributed, to such an object, by a Diocese like that of Virginia.

In the Southwestern part of this Diocese, there is a region of country larger, it is believed, than the whole of Massachusetts, or even Maryland, in which region, however, there is not a single Episcopal church or minister. In many parts of it the Gospel is preached very imperfectly, and with not a few corrupt additions. In some parts it is hardly preached at all.

Those benefits with which our Church enriches every spot where it is planted they are entirely destitute of, and none can supply them but ourselves. We have similar wastes, though not so extensive, in the Northwest, in the Southeast, and in other parts of this Diocese. These are placed under our care by Providence itself, for their wants are under our eyes, and there is none else effectually to care for them. The General Missionary Society will do nothing for them, because they belong to our Diocese, which is supposed to be able and willing to do the missionary work in its own limits. But how are we doing it? In all this wide field, embracing hundreds of thousands of souls, we have five missionaries, laboring at an expense of \$600 or \$700 a year.

It may well be questioned how far we are justifiable in passing by objects so much needing our help, to go Westward to assist those who are not so necessitous; although, indeed, there is no conflict of claims, for we might do all that we do for our Western Dioceses, and much more, and yet be vigorously prosecuting missions in our own Diocese. The subject is recommended to the attention of the Convention, although no definite action is asked for at this time.

### *Report of the Executive Committee of the Protestant Episcopal Association for the Promotion of Christianity in Virginia.*

The committee have employed, during the last year, as missionaries, the Rev. R. T. Brown, in Rappahannock county, the Rev. Mr. Dame in Danville, the Rev. Mr. Goodwin at Point Pleasant, the Rev. Mr. Harrison at Wellburg, and the Rev. Mr. Bryant at Lexington and Buchanan.

They have appropriated to Mr. Brown, \$100; to Mr. Dame, \$150; to Mr. Goodwin, \$200; to Mr. Harrison, \$300; and to Mr. Bryant, \$150.

No report has been received from any of the missionaries, except the Rev. Mr. Harrison, whose parish and prospects are in a flourishing condition.

The committee believe there would be no difficulty in procuring funds, and in enlarging the sphere of their operations to any indefinite extent, provided suitable missionaries could be obtained. This will account for the little that has been done in the Diocese. There never has been, at any time, a want of funds, but a want of men.

The following historical sketch of this society may be interesting and useful as a matter of record :

At the Convention of 1827, it was resolved that the Bishop should lay off the Diocese into districts, and appoint two or more ministers to meet in association twice every year, in the places assigned them.

In 1829, a Diocesan Missionary Society was formed. The first missionary employed was the Rev. Mark L. Cheevers, who, in 1831, was sent into the counties of York, Warwick, and Elizabeth City.

In 1830, the receipts were	-	-	-	-	\$324 73	
1831,	"	"	-	-	293 30	One missionary.
1832,	"	"	-	-	320 00	"
1833,	"	"	-	-	95 00	"
1834,	"	"	-	-	105 75	Three missionaries.
1835,	"	"	-	-	25 00	One missionary.

1836, the receipts were	-	-	-	\$194 69	Three missionaries.
1837, " "	-	-	-	155 02	Six missionaries.
1838, " "	-	-	-	112 50	One missionary.
1839, " "	-	-	-	29 00	Two missionaries.
This year the society was reorganized under its present Constitution.					
In 1840, the receipts were	-	-	-	\$537 28	Five missionaries.
1841, " "	-	-	-	536 56	"
1842, " "	-	-	-	692 72	"

Total receipts in thirteen years, \$3,401 19; of which \$1,766 56 were received during the last three years, and since the present organization of the society.

*The Protestant Episcopal Association for the Promotion of Christianity in Virginia, in account with William Williams, Treasurer.*

1841.	Dr.		
July 23.	To cash remitted Rev. Joshua L. Harrison, Wellsburg, Brooke county, (a check on Baltimore for \$150, at 1 per cent. premium.)	-	\$151 50
Aug. 15.	To cash remitted Rev. G. W. Dame, Danville	-	150 00
26.	To cash paid draft of Rev. J. M. Cofer, Abingdon, favor of Jer. Bronaugh	-	250 00
Oct. 5.	To cash remitted Rev. Richard T. Brown, Rappahannock	-	100 00
1842.			
Feb. 11.	To cash remitted Rev. J. B. Goodwin, Gallipolis	-	200 00
	To cash remitted Rev. Joshua L. Harrison, Wellsburg	-	50 00
	To cash paid postage of a check on Norfolk	-	25
May 14.	To balance due the Association	-	94 88
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			\$996 63

1841.	Cr.		
May 16.	By balance in hand, per statement to Convention at Alexandria	-	\$303 91
19.	By cash from Russell parish, Bedford county	-	24 00
	By cash from St. John's church, Berkeley parish, Spottsylvania county, per Rev. St. M. Fackler	-	12 00
	By cash from Cassius F. Lee, Esq.	-	10 00
	By cash from the Ladies' Working Society of Tillotson parish, Buckingham	-	18 50
	By cash from Nelson parish, Nelson county, by Rev. Cleland K. Nelson	-	30 00
	By cash from Mrs. E. Hutton, Portsmouth, Virginia	-	4 00
	By cash by Rev. Thomas E. Locke, from Miss Jane Patterson, Lunenburg	-	3 00
	By cash from Mrs. Sarah G. Jones, Lunenburg	-	2 50
	By cash from Robert Nelson, Esq., Lunenburg	-	5 00
	By cash from Roger B. Atkinson, Esq., Lunenburg	-	5 00
	By cash from Robert A. Atkinson, Esq., Lunenburg	-	5 00
	By cash from Christ Church Missionary Society, Norfolk, by Edward S. Pegram, Esq.	-	120 60
	By cash by Rev. Thomas T. Castleman, from John L. Wilkins, Esq., Brunswick county	-	24 00
	By cash from L. C. Castleman, Esq., Brunswick county	-	5 00
	By cash from collection in Sapony church, Brunswick county	-	26 54
	By cash from Mrs. Eliza Marshall, Prospect Hill, Fauquier county, by Rev. Geo. Lemmon	-	20 00
	By cash from Roanoke parish, Halifax county, by Rev. John T. Clark	-	11 25
	By cash from West Russell parish, Bedford county, by Rev. Thomas Atkinson	-	20 00
	By cash from St. Paul's church, Lynchburg, by Rev. Thos. Atkinson	-	45 00
	By cash from Rev. George Lemmon	-	5 00
	By cash from Mrs. Lemmon	-	1 00
	By cash from Mrs. Maria Burwell, Upperville	-	5 00
	By cash from Dr. J. A. Marshall, Fauquier	-	20 00
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	Amount carried forward	-	\$725 39



		<i>Amount brought forward</i>	-	-	-	-	\$725 39
June 7.	By cash from two communicants of Monumental church, Richmond, by Rev. Wm. Norwood	-	-	-	-	-	30 00
	By cash from Miss Elizabeth Price, Brunswick county, by Rev. Thos. T. Castleman	-	-	-	-	-	15 00
	By cash from Mrs. C. Trumbull, Brunswick county, by Rev. Thomas T. Castleman	-	-	-	-	-	2 75
July 1.	By cash from a friend to domestic missions, Monumental church, Richmond	-	-	-	-	-	5 00
30.	By cash from Dr. Patrick H. Foster, Halifax county, by Rev. John T. Clark	-	-	-	-	-	20 00
Aug. 17.	By cash from Rev. Malcolm McFarland, by Rev. Wm. Norwood	-	-	-	-	-	50 00
Sept. 21.	By cash from Christ church congregation, Norfolk, by Edward S. Pegram, treasurer	-	-	-	-	-	40 63
Oct. 4.	By cash from Rev. E. C. McGuire, being weekly offerings from St. George's church, Fredericksburg	-	-	-	-	-	30 00
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Feb. 5.	By cash from Mrs. Catherine Coles, Pittsylvania, by Rev. George W. Dame	-	-	-	-	-	2 00
11.	By cash from Mrs. Elvira A. Bruce, Halifax county, by Rev. John Grammer	-	-	-	-	-	15 00
	By cash from Miss Ellen Bruce, Halifax county, by Rev. John Grammer	-	-	-	-	-	30 00
	By cash from Rev. John Grammer	-	-	-	-	-	10 00
May 11.	By cash from Rev. E. C. McGuire, being weekly offerings from St. George's church, Fredericksburg	-	-	-	-	-	20 55
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	By balance due the Association, now in the City Savings Bank on interest						<hr/>
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RICHMOND, May 14, 1842.

WILLIAM WILLIAMS, *Treasurer.*

Rev. J. P. McGuire, from the Committee on the State of the Church, made the following report:

The Committee on the State of the Church beg leave to report, that, of the subjects brought before it, there are several which demand some consideration, though a want of time, and other causes, must prevent more than a very brief notice of them.

In any estimate which we can take of the state of the Church, the first thing presenting itself to every mind, is the lamented death of that aged and beloved man of God, our late Diocesan. Of the character of Bishop Moore—his usefulness, the debt of love and gratitude which we owe him, our obligations to our Divine Lord for enabling him to continue his apostolic labors to almost the last hour of his long life—your committee do not intend to speak; nor will it attempt any suitable tribute to his memory, as that has been made the duty of others. But no view of the Diocese could be taken, at all satisfactory, without some respectful allusion to some record of the profound sensibility with which we remember him, who will, for many a day to come, live in the filial affections of the Church of Virginia.

At the last Convention, it was known that the impaired health of our present Diocesan rendered it expedient for him to travel abroad; and the Church having commended him to the blessing and protection of Almighty God, it is now her duty to acknowledge that good Providence which preserved him by land and sea, and in due season restored him to his "loved duties and Diocesan home." But it is cause of deep regret that the hoped for restoration of his health was not secured. That is still so much impaired as to render proper the election of an Assistant Bishop, to aid him in the discharge of his Episcopal duties, as he himself has informed this body. In ready response to his wishes, you have called the Rev. John Johns, D.D., to that responsible office. May the blessing of God rest upon this momentous transaction.

The pastoral address, delivered on the second day of the Convention, is a document of great value. Your committee will not go over the various topics there so well discussed, particularly as it will appear upon the Journal with this report. If it is presented to the Church in no other form, an earnest hope is expressed that the Journal will be so carefully and punctually sent to every parish, that its lessons of wisdom may be speedily presented to the whole Diocese.

The general aspect of the Church is certainly very encouraging. The address of the

Bishop and the Parochial Reports furnish the most pleasing evidence of this. The number of new churches ready for consecration, or about to be erected, is much larger than usual. The amount contributed to various institutions connected with the church, though it must be admitted, far short of what the Church could and ought to do, is yet, considering the pressure of the times, very respectable; and many have been added to her communion of such as, we trust, will be saved. In some places, indeed, the spirit of slumber is still upon the people; but, in others, and at important points, there has been, within a few months, a signal outpouring of the Spirit's influence, and a larger ingathering of souls than has ever been experienced by us within so short a time, and at an equal number of places. And it is worthy of remark, that this great blessing has, so far as your committee is informed, been sought through the ordinary means of grace, frequently and perseveringly used.

But, blessed as we are, yet many parts of our vineyard continue very destitute, and in great need of the most zealous efforts on their behalf. In this connection, the wants of your Diocesan Missionary Association must be again brought to your notice. It never has attracted the attention to which it is entitled by its importance; and, therefore, never has accomplished the great work which it might, if rightly used. It now needs both men and money; and we earnestly call upon all the parishes to remember its wants. Let there be, from every one of them, liberal contributions to its treasury, and much prayer to God, beseeching Him to infuse into it new life and power, that it may exert a much wider influence, and produce an abundant harvest of good fruit.

It is not, however, intended to recommend that the charity of the Diocese be confined within its own borders. The field is the world; and we verily believe that those who bless others will themselves be blessed. To succeed at home, it is absolutely necessary that she should send the fruits of her love and zeal abroad. The work in which the Church is engaged, is a great and glorious one; fit to occupy the powers and affections of the angels of God. To rouse all her energies, and fix them upon it, there is surely enough in the circumstances of the times. God himself is certainly accomplishing great things through her instrumentality. What commanding motives, then, urge her members to the most devoted zeal and self-sacrificing labors: to be instant in prayer, that this Divine cause may move on prosperously, and that the Holy Spirit may be poured out abundantly upon all people; that the Gospel may have free course, and be glorified; that men may be converted to God, and His name honored amongst all nations, is their bounden duty and high privilege. The sacred command is, pray without ceasing; the Divine promise, ask and ye shall have; the Holy Spirit is given to those who seek, more freely than tender parents give good things to their children. But the Lord's people must not come before him empty-handed. Prayers alone, when labors and sacrifices are withheld, make but a cheap offering; and he who would be accepted of God, must let his alms go up together with his prayers, before the Divine majesty. A spirit, fruitful in prayers and good works, your committee rejoices to see increasing among our congregations; and it solemnly and earnestly commends to all the duty and happiness of increasing in that spirit more and more; assured that when the whole body is animated by an influence so divine, the Church will become a praise in the whole earth.

All which is respectfully submitted.

The President, on retiring, called the Rev. Mr. Grammer to the Chair, pro tempore.

Gen. Lewis, from the Committee on Finance, offered the following resolution, viz:

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Diocese be, and he is hereby, directed to pay to Bishop Meade, out of any moneys now in his hands, (not otherwise appropriated,) the sum of one thousand dollars, as his salary for the present year; and that the Treasurer be also directed to pay the amount of expenses that may be incurred by the Bishop in the discharge of his Episcopal duties. Concurred in.

Rev. Mr. Dana, from the Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Trustees of the Theological Seminary, and accompanying documents, presented the following reports, all of which were accepted:

*The Trustees of the Theological Seminary beg leave to present to the Convention their Annual Report:*

The condition of the Seminary may be learned from the accompanying reports of the

Faculty, and Theological Professors. The Church will perceive with sorrow, that there is no report from the Rev. Dr. Keith, and must deplore the event which has deprived this institution of his able and efficient services. But while we mourn most sincerely over this affliction, we still look forward with hope to the continued usefulness of the institution. It is each year acquiring more system, more completeness, increased facilities, and more prominence before the Church. From the information which we have received, we have reason to believe that the young men are characterized by diligence in their studies, and that a pleasing spirit of brotherly love prevails among them. An active and enlarged benevolence is cherished and exercised by them; and it is hoped that the religious services held with them by the Faculty, as well as their own more private meetings, contribute largely towards the formation of those spiritual habits, without which talent, and theological attainments, and strict morality, and a rigid orthodoxy, are of little avail.

Among other changes, the Board have to announce to the Convention the resignation of their late Treasurer, John Gray, Esq., who has found it expedient and necessary, from increasing years and bodily indisposition, to resign his office, and who is entitled to the gratitude of the whole Diocese for his long, faithful, and gratuitous services, in managing the funds of this institution. William Pollock, Esq., of Fredericksburg, has been elected to supply the place of Mr. Gray.

The permanent funds of the Seminary now amount to \$27,500, and are all invested, it is believed, in good stocks and bonds. Balance of cash now in the hands of the Treasurer, \$350.

The High School, which is entrusted to the care of this Board, is believed to be faithfully conducted, according to the principles upon which it was established, and to be well deserving the confidence and patronage of the Church and community. We hope and trust that it will be cordially and efficiently sustained, and that it will fully accomplish the objects for which it was instituted. A more particular account of its present condition is contained in the accompanying report of the Principal.

In concluding their report, the Board of Trustees cannot fail to express their sense of the loss they have sustained by the death of their late President, the venerable and beloved Bishop of the Diocese; and pray that, although they are deprived of his counsels, which have so long been enjoyed, they may still, and ever, be guided by that wisdom which is profitable to direct.

All which is respectfully submitted.

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#### REPORT OF THE FACULTY.

The Faculty of the Seminary respectfully report, that the following persons have connected themselves with the institution during the present session, and constitute the Junior Class, viz:

Edmund W. Henning, candidate for orders in Virginia.  
 Edward F. Putnam, candidate for orders in Virginia.  
 Lewis Walke, candidate for orders in Virginia.  
 Andrew Fisher, candidate for orders in Virginia.  
 E. H. Canfield, candidate for orders in Virginia.  
 E. W. Syle, candidate for orders in Virginia.  
 Edwin Mendenhall, candidate for orders in Pennsylvania.  
 Thomas L. Franklin, candidate for orders in Pennsylvania.

The Middle Class is composed of the following persons, viz:

Alexander J. Berger, candidate for orders in Maryland.  
 Henry M. Denison, candidate for orders in Pennsylvania.  
 Charles Gillett, candidate for orders in Virginia.  
 W. H. Good, candidate for orders in Virginia.  
 Henry T. Hiester, candidate for orders in Pennsylvania.  
 George A. Leakin, candidate for orders in Maryland.  
 A. T. McMurphy, candidate for orders in Virginia.  
 Samuel P. Nash, candidate for orders in Virginia.  
 Carter Page, candidate for orders in Virginia.  
 W. N. Pendleton, candidate for orders in Virginia.  
 John B. Richmond, candidate for orders in Rhode Island.  
 Rufus M. White, candidate for orders in Western New York.  
 George T. Wilmer, candidate for orders in Virginia.  
 Edmund Withers, candidate for orders in Virginia.

The Senior Class is composed of the following persons, viz:

E. A. Dalrymple, candidate for orders in Virginia.  
 S. Hazlehurst, Jr., candidate for orders in Pennsylvania.  
 W. F. Lockwood, candidate for orders in Virginia.  
 Joshua Morsell, candidate for orders in Virginia.  
 John K. Noel, candidate for orders in Virginia.  
 O. E. Shannon, candidate for orders in Pennsylvania.  
 N. P. Tillinghast, candidate for orders in Rhode Island.  
 E. T. Walker, candidate for orders in Virginia.  
 T. W. Winchester, candidate for orders in Virginia.

Junior Class	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
Middle Class	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14
Senior Class	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9

Whole number of students - - - - 31

E. T. Walker, of the Senior Class, has been ordained by the Bishop of Georgia; and S. Hazlehurst, who expects to go as a missionary to Africa, is about to be ordained by the Bishop of Pennsylvania.

All which is respectfully submitted.

By order of the Faculty:

E. R. LIPPITT, *Secretary.*

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#### REPORT OF THE PROFESSOR OF ECCLESIASTICAL HISTORY.

Professor Sparrow reports that, in addition to his original duties in the Seminary, as soon as it became apparent that the institution must forego the benefit of Dr. Keith's invaluable services, in compliance with the wish of the Board of Trustees, he undertook to discharge his duties also. The following statement embraces both:

The members of the Middle Class have read the greater part of Knapp's Theology, and expect to review it before examination. They have also nearly completed the three volumes of Mosheim's Ecclesiastical History, and hope to review it. With every recitation has been connected the reading of an essay, by a member of the class, in that department of study to which the recitation belonged. As a gratuitous exercise, they have occupied themselves, once a week, in reciting, *memoriter*, two chapters from the New Testament; and, in this way, have, during the term, committed several epistles, with apparent pleasure to themselves, and, I doubt not, no little benefit to their future ministry.

The gentlemen of the Senior Class have read Pearson on the Creed and Burnet on the Articles, and hope to have time to review the latter, at least. They commence immediately Short's History of the Church of England, and will complete it before the end of the term. They have had the usual exercise in sermonizing and reading the Service of the Church once a week, and have also been required to present skeletons of discourses for the pulpit.

The attendance of these classes upon their daily duties has been tested, by a regular calling of the roll, and has proved, on the whole, highly satisfactory. It is believed they have been actuated, not only by a sense of duty to the Seminary, the Church, and the Divine Head of the Church, but also by regard to the wishes and feelings of their Professor.

It ought to be borne in mind that these classes, in the department of Systematic Divinity, lost several weeks, while waiting for the much-desired return of Dr. Keith.

In the High School, a class has read, reviewed, and been examined, before the Bishop, upon Upham's Philosophy. They have since nearly completed Wayland's Moral Science; and have throughout, in the main, given great satisfaction to their teacher.

#### REPORT OF THE PROFESSOR OF CHURCH POLITY, &c.

The Professor of Church Polity, &c., respectfully reports, that in his instruction in the department entrusted to his care, he has adopted during the present session, the course which he has usually pursued, and of which he has furnished the details in former reports. He has had two recitations a week with the senior class; which has read Bp. Onderdonk's Tract on Episcopacy, Potter on Church Government, Hooker's Ecclesiastical Polity four books, and is just completing Wheatley on the Book of Common Prayer. To finish the

full course marked out for the class in this department, there remain to be studied, Barrow on the Pope's Supremacy, and Bridges on the Christian Ministry.

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E. R. LIPPITT.

#### REPORT OF THE PROFESSOR OF SACRED LITERATURE.

The Professor of Sacred Literature, would respectfully report, that the classes under his instruction have pursued the usual course of studies.

The middle class have studied, the Prophecies of Christ, in Hebrew, as far as through Isaiah. In Greek, they have read the Epistles to the Romans, Galatians and Ephesians, together with the Pastoral Epistles to Timothy and Titus.

The junior class expect to finish the Harmony of the Gospels in Greek, by the close of the session. In Hebrew, they have gone through the Hebrew Reader of Professor Stuart, together with frequent perusals of his Grammar. They have also read in addition, the History of Joseph, comprising ten chapters of Genesis, and are now reading the Psalms. A new Exercise has been introduced of translating English into Hebrew, with good success, it is believed, in familiarizing them with the elements of the language. Something too has been done, in the introduction to the Old Testament, or what is known concerning the authorship, age and contents of the different books.

They have also studied Ernesti on Interpretation, and Jahn on Biblical Antiquities.

They have also written about thirty Exegetical Essays on the most important difficulties, and apparent discrepancies, in the Gospels, whether in language or Chronology. The instructor in this department has had for most of the session one or more private classes, made up mostly of members of the Middle class, who have finished the Psalms, and commenced the book of Job. He has always been ready to give instruction in his department, in addition to his regular duties. The average number of his recitations has been ten per week, of about one hour each. He has, by the help of God, been enabled to discharge his duties conscientiously, and has reason to be satisfied with the proficiency of the classes under his instruction. And which is respectfully submitted.

J. PACKARD.

#### REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF THE HIGH SCHOOL.

*To the Board of Trustees of the Episcopal Theological Seminary and*

*Episcopal High School of Virginia:*

At the expiration of another year, it becomes my duty to submit to you a report of the condition and prospects of the institution entrusted to my care; and, in doing so, let me first, as is most fit, express a grateful acknowledgment to God, for that continued care and blessing bestowed from Heaven, under which the High School has been hitherto encouragingly prospered. To His guardian goodness let it be ascribed, that the many and great difficulties incident to such a work have not been permitted more to hinder its success. Founded in His name, nurtured by many prayers, and conducted most sincerely and anxiously, however imperfectly, with an earnest desire to carry out that spirit of pious wisdom in which it was established, the Lord hath cheerfully smiled upon the effort; and his name be praised that the insufficiency, infirmities, and unworthiness of the agents employed, have not wholly frustrated the good designed. To His guidance and blessing, deeply conscious of an utter inadequateness to duties so difficult and responsible as those resting on us, do we commit the School for the future, entreating him to bestow on us (what we so much need) wisdom, fortitude, energy, and devoted fidelity in our posts.

From the time of my last annual report till the end of the session, (the last of July,) nothing material occurred, calling for notice at this time; save the fact, that the youths then reported as ready for confirmation, did soon declare themselves thus followers of Him, to whom they had been devoted in infancy.

On the 1st October, the third year of the institution began, under auspices highly encouraging: the number of pupils admitted being about 95; the corps of teachers remaining much the same as during the previous year. An arrangement was then made, however, calculated, as was believed, to increase the efficiency of instruction and government. Four of the most mature, and best qualified in their respective departments, chosen from the students trained at the institution during the two previous years, were appointed tutors. And to them were committed certain duties of supervision and of instruction, in elementary branches. Four chief considerations recommended this arrangement:

1st. The importance of having classes as small as possible, in order that each individual pupil might receive a large share of attention.

2d. That the incessant watchfulness, requisite to guard against the evils to which the young are ever prone, might be secured, by providing an able corps of sentinels.

3d. That the salutary influence might be obtained of those thus situated: associated intimately with some, as students in the higher classes; and with all, as elder brothers in the same household.

4th. That the individuals thus engaged, might, by practice and experience, acquire skill in a vocation too much neglected, though second only in importance to the sacred ministry itself.

This is dwelt upon, because information has been communicated to me, that the measure was, in some quarters, regarded as unwise. I will only add, upon the subject, that this is the system which, for centuries, has worked so well in the celebrated English schools; and that it has, for many years, prevailed efficiently at that admirably-governed institution, the United States Military Academy at West Point.

Besides this, there has been no important change in the order of things reported last May. Religious instruction has been anxiously, and we hope faithfully given, in the methods heretofore described; not, we are encouraged to say, altogether without some indications of success; but the blessing vouchsafed, has not been what was formerly bestowed. There are a few in interesting states of mind, whom we hope soon to find joining that precious band of Christian youths among us, whose hearts the Lord hath, in other days, turned to himself.

Concerning the general instruction of the school, it is just that my deep and earnest conviction be expressed, of the fidelity and success with which it has been given. In confirmation of this, I refer to the testimony of the visitors, who attended the examination late in February, among whom were several of your own body. And I must also, in justice to the work in which we are laboring, add, that if, through the steadiness of parents, a fair opportunity is allowed for testing the efficiency of the teachers, in their respective spheres, the learning imparted at the High School will prove unusually exact, sound, useful, and as far as possible, various and elevated.

Concerning the discipline of the School, it is not necessary to say much. It has been the great endeavor, during the past year, as before, to mingle kindness and firmness. The right exercise of this has been, as it always will be, a difficult and a painful task. Unerring wisdom cannot be applied, and serious mistakes will be severely censured; indeed, condemnation, unkindness, and opposition, may be expected in many quarters, where is felt the application of uncompromising law, however needfully, and however conscientiously executed.

The health of the institution has been as good as could be expected. During one season, we suffered from a form of cold, influenza, or catarrhal fever. During another, from a visitation of measles. Both of these disorders were generally prevalent through the country, and we could not, with such a community, expect to escape. Under an attack of the former, one amiable and interesting youth fell a victim to his own imprudence, in transgressing the injunctions of the physician and attendants; and we were called to mourn his sudden death, and follow him to an untimely grave.

Concerning the police and general management of the institution, I will briefly say, that these have been as efficiently conducted as could be secured in such an establishment; that the best has been attempted; and, if there has been failure or disappointment, in any respect, it is not known, and has only occurred through the unavoidable difficulties incident to the management of such a household.

In the hope of accomplishing something serviceable to the good cause of Christian education, and especially of securing a continued interest in the High School, the publication of a monthly journal, termed the "Monthly Record of the Episcopal High School of Virginia," has been undertaken, within the present session; and it is trusted that, humble as is the effort, it will not prove unavailing.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. N. PENDLETON.

Rev. Mr. Atkinson, from the Committee appointed to fix the salary for the support of the Assistant Bishop, presented the following:

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of fixing the salary of the Assistant Bishop, and designating the source from which it was to be raised, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report: That they are of opinion that the sum of \$1500 a year is an adequate provision for that object, while they are well assured that, or a larger sum, if necessary, would be readily contributed by the Church in Virginia. They know of no more equal or convenient mode of raising it than increasing the assessment already

levied on the parishes for the purpose of meeting the expenses of the Diocese. By an addition of half a dollar to the rate already paid for each communicant, a sum will be raised sufficient for the salary of the Bishop elect, and his travelling expenses, and leaving perhaps a small surplus. They therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1st. *Resolved*, That the Bishop of the Diocese, in communicating to Dr. Johns the fact of his being elected Assistant Bishop, be authorized to offer him a salary of \$1500 besides his travelling expenses.

2nd. *Resolved*, That the vestries of the different parishes in the Diocese be required to send to the next Convention their respective quotas towards the payment of the expenses of the Diocese, assessed at the rate of one dollar for each communicant.

Rev. W. G. H. Jones from the Committee upon the "Religious Instruction of the colored population of this Diocese" asked that the Committee have leave to sit again and report to the next Convention. Concurred in.

On motion of Col. Carrington

*Resolved*, That the next Convention be held in the city of Richmond, on the third Wednesday of May, 1843.

On motion

*Resolved*, That the Bishop be requested to endeavor to have the consecration of the Assistant Bishop, whenever it takes place, held in the city of Richmond.

The Convention then proceeded to sign the testimonials of the Assistant Bishop elect.

Gen. Lewis moved that the Treasurer be directed to pay to Bishop Meade the sum of \$500 out of any monies in hand (not otherwise appropriated,) in part reimbursement of the expenses of his voyage to England. Adopted unanimously.

Rev. Mr. Slaughter offered the following, viz:

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention are due, and they are hereby tendered, to the citizens of Staunton for their kindness and hospitality to the members of the Convention.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered, through the Rev. Mr. Goodwin, to the ministers and members of the several religious denominations for the use of their houses of worship, which they kindly offered.

*Resolved*, That the Secretary be authorized to pay the postage of the Journals for such of the Clergy as request it.

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer be directed to pay the expenses of the Secretary in attending this Convention.

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer pay the Doorkeeper of this Convention \$10.

*Resolved*, That the Secretary have 2,000 copies of the Journal of this Convention published for distribution among the parishes.

After singing, and prayer by the President pro tempore, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

RT. REV. WILLIAM MEADE,  
*President of the Convention.*

REV. BENJAMIN M. MILLER, *Secretary.*

## APPENDIX.

### PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

*Astoria parish, Roanoke co.*—John Grammer, Rector.—Communicants, removed, 1 Died 4, present number 35; Baptisms, infants 9; Marriages, white 4, colored 2—total 6; Funerals, white 7, colored 3—total 10. Sums collected for the different institutions of the Church, viz: Domestic and Foreign Missions \$152 10—Pro. Episcopal Association of Va., \$45—Theological Seminary \$300—Education Society \$202—total \$699 10.

*Augusta parish, Trinity church, Staunton.*—F. D. Goodwin, Rector.—Communicants, added 9, removed 1, withdrawn 1—total 67; Baptisms, white infants 13, colored 1—total 14; Confirmations, 1 at last Convention; Marriages 5; Funerals 8; Families about 40. Amount contributed to the various objects of benevolence connected with the Church: to the Va. Colonization Society \$7 62, Va. Bible Society \$50 00, Diocesan Missionary Society \$17 75, General Missions, Domestic and Foreign, \$160 00, Bishop's fund \$30. Education Society of Va., \$75 00—total \$341 31.

*Bloomfield parish, Piedmont church, Madison co.*—R. T. Brown, Rector.—Communicants, removed 4, received 1 by removal—total 11; Baptisms, infants white 1, colored 3—total 4. The congregation at this place was once large and flourishing, but it has been reduced to its present state by constant removals.

*Bloomfield parish, Trinity church, Madison co.*—R. T. Brown, Rector.—Communicants added 3—total 13; Baptisms, 1 colored adult; Funeral 1.

This church is certainly commanding more of the attention of the community around this point than at any other period, and if the congregation had a church edifice of their own to worship in, it would continue to increase, but being compelled to use a free meeting house, we are necessarily very much retarded in our growth.

I have continued to officiate as Missionary in Rappahannock county during the last year, and although no congregations have been organized, yet your Missionary has reason to believe, that the preaching of the word has been attended by the blessing of God.

*Boletourt parish, Boletourt and Roanoke co.*—D. W. Wharton, Rector.—Communicants, added 6, two from another parish, removed 2—total 26; Baptisms, adults 2, infants 6—total 8; Marriages 5; Families 16. Contributions to institutions connected with the Church \$140.

There is a Sunday school connected with the congregation in Roanoke. Special services have been frequently held for the colored portion of the Rector's charge. During the past year the Rector has also had under his charge a congregation in Buchanan, belonging to Woodville parish. He reports from this congregation, viz: Communicants, added 2—total 11; Baptisms, infants 2. The Rector has only been able to supply this congregation with a monthly service, yet he believes his labors have been blest.

*Bryden parish, Augusta co.*—There having been no Minister of this Parish for several years, the precise number of Communicants is not known, but as several have removed out of the parish, it is believed that the present number does not exceed 12. Contributions \$6.

S. H. LEWIS, *Lay Delegate.*

*Bristol parish, St. Paul's church, Petersburg.*—N. H. Cobbs, Rector.—Communicants, added 114, of these 11 were received from other parishes, removed 7, died 3—total 236; Baptisms, of adults 19, infants 23—total 42; Confirmations 93, of those confirmed 3 or 4 belonged to other parishes; Funerals 12; Marriages 9. Contributions to various benevolent objects, upwards of \$2,000.



The Rector is thankful that he is enabled to report favorably of the condition and prospects of this parish. For several months during the past year, there was evidently visible a great degree of sensibility to divine truth, which encouraged the hope that the spirit of God was moving upon the hearts of many. This sensibility continued to increase till about the beginning of winter, when it was heightened to a very remarkable degree of interest. Such was the desire to hear the word, that the church was opened for divine service once, and frequently twice a day, for the space of two months. But whilst the Rector felt it his duty and privilege to cherish this religious awakening, by multiplying his services, he carefully abstained from all measures promotive of artificial excitement. The prayers of the Church were invariably and exclusively used on every occasion of worship; and no other means were employed to produce effect but the simple exhibition of Gospel truth, followed up by prompt and vigilant pastoral visits.

The Rector would also report, that for want of seats to accommodate those who might be induced to attend the services of the Church, the Ladies of the parish determined to employ a Missionary to preach to the poor of the town, and especially to officiate amongst the families dependent upon the factories. Last autumn, they were enabled to carry their wishes into effect, by engaging the services of the Rev. Charles J. Gibson, who entering zealously upon his work, has been kindly received by those to whom he was sent. His faithful and affectionate labors have been much blessed; and having demonstrated that the Church careth for the poor, he has now before him an encouraging prospect of usefulness. Mr. Gibson has rendered much help to the Rector, and by his labors has been instrumental in bringing to the communion several of those who have been embraced in this report.

*Brunon parish, Williamsburg.*—W. Hodges, Rector.—Communicants, added 14, three from other parishes; died 3; removed—total 60, two of whom are colored; baptisms 9, three adults, six infants, all white; marriages 7; funerals, 15, (white 9, colored, 6.)

One candidate for the ministry.

Amount collected for different institutions of the Church, \$255.

This congregation the Rector thinks is increasing in piety and good works. In addition to his *white*, the Rector preaches every Sunday afternoon to a large congregation of colored people, among whom there are some 20 or 30 candidates for baptism.

*Camden parish, Pittsylvania county.*—G. W. Dame, Rector.—Communicants, added 7, transferred to the charge of Rev. S. W. Tompkins, 5—total 16.

Baptisms, adults 3, infants 2, all white—total 5.

Marriages 4, two of them colored; funerals 2.

In October, I transferred St. Andrew's church to the Rev. S. W. Tompkins. My regular appointments are twice a month each at Danville and Competition; fifth Sunday at Henry C. H., and one Saturday of each month at the Poor House of Pittsylvania. The congregations at Danville and Competition have increased a good deal. The Bible Class and Sunday School are both flourishing.

*Christ's church, Charlottesville.*—R. K. Meade, Rector.—Communicants, added 7, removed 1, died 3—total 65; Baptisms, adult white 2, infants, white 16, colored 1—total 19; marriages, 4; funerals 7; families 40. Amount collected for charitable purposes, \$400.

*Christ church, Norfolk.*—Upton Bealle, Rector.—Communicants, added 88, died and removed 11—total 320; marriages 11; baptisms, adult 12, infants 25—total 37; funerals 14; Sunday School Teachers 43; Scholars 219. Contributions for benevolent objects \$3450.

The Rector, in presenting his second report to the Convention, cannot withhold the expression of his devout and heartfelt gratitude to God for the signal evidences of his favor which he has been pleased to manifest towards the people of his charge. The congregation is in a most healthful state.

*Christ church, Richmond.*—Geo. Woodbridge, Rector.—Communicants, added 33, removed 4, died 1, still under sentence of suspension 1—total 103; baptisms, adult 10, infants 16—total 26; Confirmations 9; Marriages 8; Funerals 7.

*Christ church, Winchester.*—J. E. Jackson, Rector.—Communicants, added 10, removed 6, died 2, withdrawn 2—total 73; Baptisms, adult whites 6, infants white 8—total 14; Confirmations 11; Marriages 3; Funerals 6.

*Cople parish, Westmoreland county.*—W. N. Ward, Rector.—Communicants, removed 1—total 21, one colored; Marriages.

*Lunenburg parish, Richmond county.*—W. N. Ward, Rector.—Communicants, added 2—total, 31; Baptisms 1 adult, 2 infants—total 3; Marriages 4; Funerals 3.

*North Farnham parish, Richmond county.*—W. N. Ward, Rector.—Communicants, removed 2—total 12; Baptisms, infants 2; Funerals 2.

*Cumberland parish, Lunenburg county.*—T. E. Locke, Rector.—Communicants, added 5, (one from another cure.)—total 47; Baptisms, adult white 1, infants white 19—total 20; Confirmation 1; Marriages 2; Funerals 2. Amount collected for different institutions of the Church \$77.

*Clarksburg, Harrison county.*—Jas. H. McMechen, Rector.—Communicants 5; Baptism, adult 1, infants 8—total 9; Confirmations 3; Marriages 3.

*Dettingen parish, St. James' church, Prince William county.*—J. Towles, Rector.—Communicants added 1—total 16; Baptisms, infants white 5; Marriages 6; Funerals 3. Five Communicants formerly belonging to this, transferred to the newly organized Parish, Cedar Run, St. Stephen's church, Fauquier Co.

*Leeds parish, St. Paul's church, Prince William co.*—John Towle, Rector.—Communicants, added 3, one from another parish—total 18; Baptisms, infants white 4; Confirmations 2; Marriages 1.

*Elizabeth City parish, Centurion church, Fort Monroe.*—M. L. Chevers, Rector, and Chaplain at Fort Monroe.—Communicants, added 2—total 8; Baptisms, infants 2; Marriages 1; Funerals 9. The Sunday school is in successful operation. A numerous congregation of colored persons assemble for public worship on the night of each Lord's day.

*St. John's church, Hampton.*—Communicants 16; Funerals 5; Marriages 2.

*Elizabeth parish, St. Paul's church, Norfolk.*—B. M. Miller, Rector.—Communicants, added 23, ten from other parishes; removed 2, deceased 1—total 78; Baptisms, infants white 8; Marriages 2; Funerals 7. Contributions to various objects \$100 00.

*Franklin parish, Franklin co.*—Edmund Christian, Rector.—Reports, that through the divine blessing, he has been permitted to resume his ministerial functions, which had been interrupted for some time past by ill health. This parish has been recently organized under circumstances which authorize him to hope for success, in his efforts to build up the Church; if faithful and indefatigable in the discharge of his duties. Since the last Convention he has performed one Baptism, and three Marriages.

*Fairfax parish, Christ church, Alexandria.*—C. B. Dana, Rector.—Communicants, added 8, from other cures 13—total additions 21; removed 20, died 6—total 135; Baptisms, infants white 17, colored 5—total 22; Confirmations 5; Marriages 5; Funerals 12; number of families 75. Amount collected for benevolent purposes, about \$500. Since the last Convention a new and superior organ has been procured for the church, at an expense of about \$1,300, and the general condition of the parish, it is believed, is now as prosperous as it has been at any time since the present Rector took charge of it.

*Frederick parish, Clarke co.*—W. G. H. Jones, Rector.—Communicants, added 11, dead 1, removed 1—total 59; Baptisms, adults 2, infants white 10, colored 1—total 13; Confirmations 8; Marriages, white 4, colored 2—total 6; Funeral 1; Families 37. Contributions to various benevolent objects \$1,066 25.

The Rector is happy to report a decided improvement in the spiritual state of his charge, and it affords him much gratification to say, there is more sensitiveness to the importance and necessity of the religious instruction of the colored portion of the parish. He preaches to them as often as his health and strength will allow, chiefly one afternoon in the week, collecting the servants of several neighboring families, on one plantation, and performing service, and preaching for them an hour or an hour and a half. So far, the plan is successful in awakening interest, and much confidence is reposed in it for good. Yet doubtless an efficient system for the Sabbath ought to be devised, and he deprecates the want of it.

*Hungar's parish, Northampton co.*—J. P. B. Wilmer, Rector.—The present Rector having lately taken charge of this parish, is unable to make a full report of its actual condition. Under the efficient care of his predecessor, the congregation has been steadily increasing, and the benevolent institutions of the Church have been piously supported. Mea-

tures will soon be taken for the formation of one or two new congregations, and for the more active organization of the Missionary Society in the parish.

Communicants 35; Marriage 1; Funerals 5.

*Hamilton and Leeds parish, Fauquier county.*—George Lemmon, Rector.—The Rector reports: Communicants in Hamilton, about 44; 2 added, 3 removed; Baptisms, 9 infants, 1 adult; Marriages 7. Communicants in Leeds, about 27, 2 added. Contributions from Hamilton, \$114; from Leeds, \$74.

The new church spoken of in the last report, as erected in Leeds parish, has been finished except the rough casting, which it is hoped will soon be put on. It was opened for divine service on the fourth Sunday of January last, and the congregation has been large and increasing ever since, and there is ground to hope, that a merciful Lord has awakened a deeper concern about everlasting things, than has been experienced in the parish for some years past. The church, a beautiful building, cost \$2,500, contributed by a few zealous individuals.

*Henrico parish, St. John's Church, Richmond.*—W. H. Hart, Rector.—Communicants, added 3, removed 3, died 1—total 31; Baptisms, infants 8; Marriages 5; Funerals 4. The Sunday school teachers 12; scholars 72.

A considerable addition to our communion was expected on Whitsunday, but owing to the inclemency of the weather, and other circumstances, the communion was postponed until the following Sabbath.

*Lexington parish, Amherst county.*—D. Caldwell, Rector.—Communicants, added 19, removed 2, died 2—total 85; Baptisms, infants 29, viz: white 7, colored 22; Marriages 4; Funerals 9, five beyond the bounds of the parish.

I have been in the parish about ten months; for some time previous it had no Pastor, still the congregations, four in number, have been large, and uniformly increasing from the first. The tone of Christian piety is evidently much elevated and improved, and if circumstances allow the continuance of my labors, or a healthier Minister should come to take my place, our church in Amherst must, with the divine blessing, increase rapidly, both in numbers and grace.

*Lyttleton parish, Cumberland county.*—W. H. Kinckle, Rector.—Communicants, added white 8, colored 1, removed 6, died 1—total 29; Baptisms, adults white 2, infant white 1, colored 6—total 9; Marriages 3; Funerals 5. Contributions to various benevolent objects, \$300.

*Martin's Brandon parish, Prince George county.*—M. McFarland, Rector.—Communicants, added 2, removed 2—total 22; Baptisms, adults 3, infants white 5, colored 1—total 9; Marriage 1; Funerals 2; number of families about 17.

Collected for different institutions of the Church, \$68. The Rector has divided his time during the past year between Merchant's Hope church, and town of City Point. At the latter place, a Sunday school has been in operation for twelve months past, numbering from 15 to 20 scholars.

*Monumental church, Richmond.*—W. Norwood, Rector.—Communicants, added 77, died 5, transferred 12—total 260; Baptisms, infants 30, adults 10—total 40; Confirmations 25; Marriages 8; Funerals 16; number of families 130. Contributions to various charities \$668.

*Moore parish, St. John's church.*—S. D. Tompkins, Rector.—Communicants 13; Baptism 1. I preach twice a month at St. John's, and once a month at Brookneal. I took charge of this parish the beginning of this year, although I preached for them once a month during last year. We have no Sunday school, but I catechise the children every two weeks. The congregation at St. John's increases, and there are some favorable appearances of the influence of divine truth among them.

*Moore parish, Campbell county, St. Paul's church.*—T. Atkinson, Rector.—Since the last Convention, there have been added to the communion 26, of whom, several were from other cures, 9 have removed, 4 died—whole number 102; Baptisms, there have been of adults 5, infants 23, all white; Confirmations 24; Marriages 9, (2 of colored persons;) Funerals 7. Contributions to benevolent objects connected with the Church about \$391. The number of families in the congregation cannot be ascertained. The prospects of the church are considered encouraging.

*Newport parish, St. Luke church, and Christ church, Smithfield, Isle of Wight county.*—Thomas Smith, Rector.—Communicants, added 1, removed 8, died 2—total 46; Baptism

adults white 5, colored 2, infants white 10, colored 5—total 22; Marriages 2; Funerals 22. Contributions to various institutions of the Church \$83 22. Sunday school, 1 superintendent, 11 teachers, 50 scholars.

The Rector can truly say, that he has had more to cheer, as well as to distress him, during the last, than any previous year of his connection with the rectorship of this parish.

*Nelson parish, Nelson county.*—C. K. Nelson, Rector.—Communicants, added 1, removed 1—total 40; Baptisms, infants 2; Marriages 3; Funerals 4. Amount collected for different institutions of the Church \$108.

*Portsmouth parish, Trinity church, Portsmouth.*—J. H. Wingfield, Rector.—Communicants, added 53, removed 2, died 4—total 100; Baptisms, adult white 10, infants white 34—total 44; Marriages 5; Funerals 17; Families 73. Collected for different institutions of the Church \$200.

It will be seen, from the number of communicants added, that the Rector has much cause to be thankful for the blessing which has been vouchsafed to his labors during the late conventional year. Most of them were converted during the solemn season of Lent, when the public services were much more frequent, and well attended. This is believed to have greatly contributed, under the blessing of Heaven, to the great increase of religious interest which has existed in the congregation for some months past, and, I am happy to say, still continues, to a very encouraging extent. There are now ready for confirmation, at the next visitation of the Bishop, between forty-five and fifty persons, all of whom are already members of communion; and the number, it is hoped, will be yet further considerably increased by the time he will come to administer that holy apostolic rite.

Our Sunday school numbers now 7 male and 7 female teachers, and about 30 male and 40 female scholars.

The weekly offerings of the congregation are still continued, though not so liberally as they have been; and the ladies are still persevering in their efforts to assist in raising funds to purchase a parsonage house.

Besides two services every Sunday, the church is opened for prayer every Wednesday and Friday morning, and on all festival and fast days, and a weekly lecture in private houses on every Wednesday evening, and once a month, on Saturday evening, preparatory to communion.

The Rector has still under his charge St. Paul's church, in Suffolk, Nansemond county. The number added to communion there, during the past year, has been but 1. Four have been admitted into the Church by baptism, of whom 1 was an adult; and 3 funeral services performed.

*Roanoke parish, Halifax county.*—John T. Clarke, Rector.—Communicants, removed 2, present number 14; Funerals 1; Families 10. Contributions for the Church about \$100.

*Raleigh parish, Amelia county, St. James' parish, Southampton, Powhatan county, and Dale parish, Sapona church, Chesterfield.*—P. F. Berkely, Rector.—Communicants, added 1, died 1—total 40; Baptisms, infants white 4, colored 6—total 10; Marriage 1; Funerals, white 7, colored 4—total 11; Families 33. Amount collected for different institutions of the Church \$160.

The Rector is pleased to be able to report a church nearly ready for consecration, built during the past year, of brick, near Genito, in the county of Powhatan; cost, when completed, about \$1,400.

*Suffolk parish, Chuckatuck, Nansemond county.*—T. Smith, Rector.—Communicants, added 1—total 6. Contributions \$14 50.

Though there are many adverse circumstances in connection with this parish, the Rector is pleased, in watching the signs of the times, to say its prospects are slowly, but surely brightening. He can, he thinks, truly apply to this, what he has said as to the increased feeling and activity of Newport parish. Their energies combined will insure mutual good, the happy fruits of which may be soon realized.

*St. Mark's parish, St. Stephen's church, Culpeper county.*—J. Cole, Rector.—Communicants, added 3, died 1—total 52; Baptisms, infants 4; Marriages 2; Funerals 3.

*St. James' church, St. Mark's parish, Culpeper county.*—J. Cole, Rector.—Communicants, added 4—total 15; Baptisms, infants white 3, colored 3—total 6. Amount collected for missions \$19.

During the past year, the minister of these churches has preached regularly once a month

at St. Stephen's, and twice a month at St. James', to the servants. There is a Sunday school connected with St. James', which has been kept up by a few zealous teachers, under circumstances that might have destroyed the good work in less ardent and devoted hands.

*St. Thomas' parish, St. Thomas' church, Orange county.*—J. Earnest, Rector.—Communicants, added 7, (two from other cures,) removed 3, died 2—total 44; Baptisms, adults 3, infants 4—total 7; Marriages 4; Funerals, white 5, colored 2—total 7. Amount collected for charitable purposes \$36.

The Rector has also charge of a congregation at Mechanicsville, in Louisa county, to which he devotes the third and fifth Sundays. As the congregation is not yet organized, the state of it cannot be reported definitely at this time. The prospects of religion, and of the church at that place, are encouraging.

*Shelburne parish, St. James' church, Leesburg.*—Geo. Adie, Rector.—Communicants, added 25, (3 from other cures,) removed 1; died 1—total white 78, colored 2—80; Baptisms, adult 1, infants 10—total 11; Confirmations 16; Marriages 3; Funerals 6; Families 60. Amount collected for different institutions of the Church about \$250.

The Rector acknowledges, with unfeigned gratitude, the many tokens of the divine favor bestowed upon his parish during the past year. Through the blessing of God upon his labors, notwithstanding his feeble health part of the time, and upon the labors of his brethren near him, who have kindly assisted in holding extra services, a larger accession has been made to the communion than in any previous year; and never, probably, were the prospects of the church more encouraging.

There is an interesting Sabbath school of whites, connected with this parish. Also one of colored scholars, who are taught orally.

He continues to preach occasionally in the afternoon, at Miss Mercer's school, Belmont. He also preaches once a month at Aldie, both morning and afternoon, where there are five communicants.

*St. Andrew's parish, Brunswick, and Bath parish, Dinwiddie county.*—T. T. Castleman, Rector.—Communicants added, white 18, (3 from other cures,) colored 4—total added 21; removed 3, withdrawn 1, died 4—whole number 90; Baptisms, adults white 4, colored 4—total 8; infants white 9, colored 16—total 25; Marriages 8; Funerals 17. Amount collected for various benevolent objects \$281 74.

*St. Andrew's parish, Zion church, Jefferson county.*—Alexander Jones, Rector.—Communicants, added 3, present number 82; Baptisms, infants white 14, colored 10—total 24; Marriages 5; Funerals 8. Contributions to benevolent objects \$400.

*St. George's parish, Christ church, Spotsylvania county.*—St. M. Fackler, Rector.—Communicants, added 2—total 16; Marriage 1; Funerals 2. Amount collected for different institutions \$11 50.

Since the last Convention, this neat brick church has been finished and consecrated to God; the prospect is encouraging.

*St. Margaret's parish, Caroline county.*—St. M. Fackler, Rector.—Communicants, added 5, died 1—total 29; Baptisms, infant white 1; Marriages 2; Funeral 1. Amount collected for different institutions \$15 62. The Rector is glad to report that there is a decided increase of interest in religion in this parish.

*St. Ann's and South Farnham parishes, Essex county.*—John P. McGuire, Rector.

*St. Ann's parish.*—Communicants, died 3—total 28; Baptisms, white 3; Marriages, white 3, colored 1; Funerals 6.

*South Farnham parish.*—Communicants, added 1, removed 1, died 1—total 27; Baptisms, adult white 1, infants white 3—total 4; Marriage 1; Funerals 2.

The usual collections for institutions connected with the Church have been made. The general condition of the parishes promises more good than it has done for several years past. In South Farnham parish, there are two Sunday schools, from which we have reason to expect precious fruit. The attendance upon the public ministration of the Gospel has also greatly increased of late, and other circumstances encourage us to hope for the blessing promised to those who sow in tears.

*St. George's parish, St. George's church, Fredericksburg.*—E. C. McGuire, D.D., Rector.—Communicants, added 21, deaths and removals 7—total 167; Baptisms, adults 4, infants 26—total 30; Marriages 2; Funerals 15; Sunday schools 3, superintendents 3, teachers 28, scholars 150. Amount collected for different purposes connected with the Church \$1,500.

Encouragement in the work of the Lord has been vouchsafed us through the past year. Those have been added to the Church, whom we believe will be saved.

*St. James' parish, Southam, and King William parish, Powhatan.*—J. A. Massey, Rector.

The Rector took charge of these parishes early in last September, before which time no minister had been settled in them for many years. Notwithstanding the long absence of Episcopal services, and the peculiar difficulties with which the Rector has to contend, he thinks he has good reason to hope that his prospects, for God and the Church, are encouraging. Four children have been baptized; two communicants have been added, by removals; and several persons desire admission to the holy communion, as soon as an opportunity shall offer. Present number of communicants 10.

*St. James' parish, Mecklenburg.*—F. H. McGuire, Rector.—Communicants, added 13, removed 2—total 65; Baptisms, adults white 3, infants white 11—total 14; Marriages 4; Funerals 2. Amount collected for different institutions of the Church \$419 81.

The church edifice in Boynton, reported as in progress at the last Convention, is now ready for consecration. A Sunday school and Bible class have lately been formed at this church.

*St. James' church, Richmond.*—A. Empie, D.D., Rector.—Communicants, added 33, removed 4, died 1—total 86; Baptisms, adults 9, infants 18—total 27; Confirmations 21; Marriages 3; Funerals 14, of which, 5 belonged not to this parish; Number of families about 80—adults 223, children 140. The Sunday school as last reported, though rather improving.

Symptoms of awakened attention to religion began to appear in this congregation about eight months ago, since which time, most of the additions have been made to the Church by baptism and the communion. But, under the influence of the word and spirit of God, the same good work is still calmly and slowly advancing. Let the glory be given to Him who is the author of all good, and may he graciously continue the work, till all are brought to know him, from the least to the greatest.

*St. James' parish, Northam, Goochland and Fluvanna counties.*—R. H. Wilmer, Rector.—Communicants, added 2, removed 2—total 30; Baptisms, infants white 3; Marriages 5; Funerals 5; Families 15. Amount collected for benevolent objects \$176.

Since my last report, the Vestry have fitted up a parsonage, at an expense of \$2,000.

*St. Mark's parish, Bangor church, and Kenawha parish, St. John's church.*—J. Craik, Rector.—Communicants, added 22, died 1—total 59; Baptisms, adults white 8, infants white 14, colored 1—total 23; Confirmations 25; Marriages 3; Funerals 7; Families 46—adults 123, children 135.

In addition to these two organized parishes, the Rector has charge of a congregation in the Kenawha Salines, and therefore combines the whole in one view. The building at the Kenawha Salines, for which, in May last, \$2,000 were reported as having been subscribed, is nearly completed, and will cost about \$3,300. A part of the sum not then subscribed has been provided, and the effort to complete this building absorbs all our resources.

*St. John's church and Christ church, Wellsburg, Brooke county.*—J. L. Harrison, Rector.

*St. John's church.*—Communicants, died 1, added 1—total, between 30 and 40; Baptisms, infants 8, adults 1—total 9; Confirmations 3; Marriages 2; Funerals 5.

*Christ church, Wellsburg.*—This church was opened for divine service the 6th June, 1841, and has since been opened for worship once in two weeks. Communicants, added 4, died 1—total 20; Baptisms, infants 10, adults 3—total 13; Confirmations 8; Marriages 2; Funerals 2.

*St. Martin's parish, Hanover.*—W. V. Bowers, Rector.—Communicants, added 3, from other cures, died 1—total 61; Baptisms, infants 2; Marriages 3; Funerals 9; Number of families 49. Amount collected for religious purposes \$174. Sunday schools 2, one of which is flourishing, containing a library, and about 60 children; the other is feeble and languishing, mainly for want of teachers. On Sunday evenings, the colored people are assembled for instruction, by the Rector.

*St. Mary's parish, St. Peter's church, Port Royal, and Grace church, Caroline.*—Wm. Friend, Rector.—Communicants, added 9, removed 7—total 54; Baptisms 10; Confirmations 3; Funerals 6. Contributions for objects connected with the Church \$150.

I preach, also, twice a month, on Sunday evening, at King George Court House.

The congregation here is small, but permanent. A new church will probably be erected during the present year. The congregation have already subscribed near \$1,000 for that purpose. Communicants, added 3—total 6; Funerals 2; Confirmation 1.

*St. Mark's parish, Culpeper county.*—J. W. Woodville, Rector.—Communicants, died 3—present number 13; Marriage 1; Funerals 6. In other respects, the parish remains in much the same state as when I made my last report.

*St. Paul's church, Alexandria, D. C.*—J. T. Johnston, Rector.—Communicants, added 16, (3 from other cures,) removed 4, died 1—total about 150; Baptisms, adult white 1, infants 39, (viz: white 34, colored 5)—total 40; Confirmations 2; Marriages 10; Funerals 12; Sunday schools 2, superintendents 3, teachers 27, scholars 189. Amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church \$516 39.

*Tillotson parish, Buckingham county.*—J. H. Morrison, Rector. The Rector took charge of this parish shortly after the last Convention.

The number of communicants at that time was 23. Since then, there have been added 13, (2 of whom were from other parishes, and 2 colored persons,) removed 2, died 1, suspended 1—total 32; Baptisms, 1 adult, and 7 infants, all white; Marriages 5, (including 2 of colored persons;) Funerals 2.

Besides those already added, there are several others who have been prevented, by various causes, from coming to the communion, who are expected to come forward to the apostolic rite of confirmation on the approaching visit of the Bishop. The number of these, added to those reported above, would make the total addition about 20.

A Sabbath school went into operation last summer, which is in quite a flourishing condition. One of our church edifices (St. Peter's) was removed to a more convenient locality, shortly before my coming to the parish. It has been enlarged, and otherwise improved, at considerable expense. Among the improvements, a cupola has been added, which is furnished with a large and sweet-toned bell.

*St. James' parish, Christ church, Albemarle county.*—E. Boyden Rector.—Communicants, added 2, removed 1—total 19; contributions \$25.

*Walker's parish, Walker's church, Albemarle county.*—E. Boyden, Rector.—Communicants, added 2—total 24. Baptisms, infants 3; Marriage 1; Funeral 1. Contributions to benevolent institutions, about \$100. This Parish externally is more flourishing than in some former years.

*West Russell parish, Bedford county.*—N. Sale, Rector.—Total number of Communicants 29; Baptisms, white infants 5, colored infants 3; Marriages 2; Funerals 4. Amount collected \$20.

There is nothing of special interest to report. Things much the same as heretofore.

*Westover parish, Charles City county.*—W. T. Leavell, Rector.—Communicants, added 3—total 20; Baptisms, white 5, colored 3—total 8; Confirmation 1; Marriages, white 2, colored 1—total 3; Funerals, white 2, colored 10—total 12. Amount contributed to benevolent objects \$85.

The Rector still continues to give as much ministerial attention to the slave population as his health and other circumstances will allow. He is sorry not to be able to report the completion of our parochial improvements, which have been so long in progress. Having learned not to despise the day of small things, he yet hopes to see them finished and paid for, before the next annual meeting of the Convention. To effect this, nothing seems requisite but a little more attention, on the part of the Vestry, to the interests of the church.

*Wickliffe parish, Clarke county.*—A. Shiras, Rector.—Communicants, added 21, (3 from other parishes,) removed 3, died 3—making the present number 79; Baptisms, adults 9, infants 12, of whom, 2 were colored—total 21; Confirmations 19; Marriages 4; Funerals 9; Number of families connected with the parish 44. Amount collected for different institutions connected with the Church \$260.

The state of religious feeling in the parish continues good. The congregations are large and attentive; and the public services seem to be generally accompanied by the divine blessing. A parish library has been established, which promises to be productive of good. Altogether, the condition of the parish is such as to awaken gratitude and encourage hope.

*Woodville parish, Rockbridge and Botetourt counties.*—W. Bryant, Rector.—Having but recently undertaken my duties in this parish, I can give but a general statement of facts in relation to it. The parish embraces Rockbridge county and a part of Botetourt. The points at which I preach are—the town of Lexington, the town of Buchanan, and the neighborhood of the Natural Bridge. There is no established church at Buchanan; the only church edifice is held in common by the different denominations of Christians. This place may, therefore,

be regarded as a favorable position for our operations. Episcopal services have been held here during the past year by Rev. Mr. Wharton, to whose report I refer for particulars. At Lexington, there have never before been regular Episcopal services; but we are encouraged to commence our work at this place, for the following reasons: first, the fact that there are members of youths, of Episcopal families, collected at the different institutions in the vicinity, chiefly the Military Institute, claiming the nursing care of the Church. The fact that there are several Episcopal families, parents with their children, growing up around them, who have for some time been anxiously calling upon the Church for her service. And, besides, the more important fact that there are here hundreds of the unconverted, a large proportion of whom are young men and young women, at the neighboring schools, accessible to the glad tidings of the Gospel. With these facts before us, we have planted the standard of our Church in this place.

The number of communicants in and about Lexington is 12 white; added to 11 at Buchanan, make the whole number in the parish 23.

*Christ church parish, Lancaster county.*—W. Bryant, late Rector.—Communicants, last reported 30, added 5, removed 1—present number, 34; Baptisms, white 8, colored 15—total, —32.

*Report of J. Cooke, Missionary, Hanover county.*—Shortly after our last annual meeting, the two churches, which through my humble exertions were erected at Courtland, Spottsylvania, and Monakin Town, Powhatan, were consecrated to the service of God by our late venerable and beloved Diocesan. Since then, until recently, my labors have been chiefly confined to the little congregation at Locust Grove, Louisa. Lately, I have taken the Rev. Mr. Fackler's place at Louisa C. H., but with what prospect of usefulness I am unable to say, not having as yet seen enough of the congregation to form any estimate of the probabilities of success. I have surrendered the congregations in Spottsylvania and Powhatan to the care of the Rev. Mr. Fackler and the Rev. Mr. Massie, and have parted with all the communicants except two which I have usually reported, one of whom has since died. I have celebrated but one marriage during the past year, and attended four funerals.

*Report of C. J. Gibson, Missionary, Petersburg.*—I undertook the duties of a missionary in the town of Petersburg late in October last. From that time to the present, I have held quite regularly two services on Sunday, a morning service at a private house immediately in the neighborhood of one of the largest cotton factories, and an afternoon service at a rented room more within the town, in the midst of a dense population of poor people. At these places Sunday-schools have been established, and the number of children in both amount to about 60. A weekly Bible class has also been formed within the last three months at the outer station, which already promises great usefulness.

On the whole I think I have much cause for encouragement. The prospect at this time seems daily to brighten before me; there is good reason to think that the congregation soon to be formed will be a large and interesting one. A missionary chapel is now under contract, which is to be finished in September, and to cost \$1400, one thousand of which has already been subscribed. Besides my regular services, I have attended 4 Marriages, 10 Funerals, and 8 Baptisms, 7 children and 1 adult.

*Report of the Rev. Wm. M. Jackson, University of Virginia.*—During the greater part of the last year my labors have been chiefly confined to the University of Virginia. On the morning of every Sabbath, I have preached in the chapel, and held a prayer meeting during the week at the same place, at which time our services have been well attended. It will be gratifying to the friends of religion to know that a very neat and commodious chapel has been fitted up, and appropriated to the worship of Almighty God. A Sunday-school, established for the benefit of the children in and around the University is still in operation. A Bible society is in successful operation, having lately completed the supply of a very destitute portion of the neighboring country. The receipts reported at the last annual meeting were \$160.

These facts warrant the hope of a state of things at this institution which will one day rejoice the hearts of the people of God. The afternoon of every Sabbath, with some few exceptions, have been devoted to three churches in the neighborhood, which together number 30 communicants, true, and friends of our Zion, who have proven faithful amidst a variety of discouraging circumstances.

The Rev. George A. Smith, in accordance with the provisions of the eighth canon of 1841, reports:

That he has regularly preached in the chapel of the Theological Seminary in connexion



with the other clergy of the vicinity, and occasionally elsewhere; that he has been engaged in religious services every Lord's day with the pupils of the Fairfax Institute, of which he is principal. These he regards as the subjects of his pastoral care, and has at all times endeavored to instruct in the truths of our holy religion. Nor has the effort, though made in weakness and unworthiness, been in vain. Not many, indeed, have confessed Christ before men, but the influence of divine truth upon the youthful character has in many instances been apparent. There is good ground to hope that the results of religious instruction (imparted with as much judgment, and as anxious a selection of the best means to render it effectual, as there has been ability to exercise) will be seen hereafter in mature age, when the tender blade shall ripen into the full corn in the ear.

CLARENS, May 14, 1842.

POINT PLEASANT, May 12, 1842.

*Report of James B. Goodwin, Missionary at Point Pleasant and Mercer's Bottom, Mason county.*—Communicants, added 5, removed 1, died 1, total—19; Baptisms, adults 2, infants 9, total—11; Marriages 4; Confirmations 12; four or five candidates for confirmation were unavoidably absent when the rite was administered. One third of my time the past year has been divided between Gallipolis and Pomeroy, Ohio.

The Church in this place is daily gaining strength, increasing, we think, not only in numbers, but in the spirituality and zeal of its members.

James Chisholm, at present officiating in Berkeley co., Va., respectfully reports: that for several months of the past year, his ministerial labors were devoted to the colored population of three or four contiguous plantations in Albemarle.

It was my custom to hold two services on each Sunday, at different preaching stations, and to accompany these services by oral catechism. I have no occasional offices to report, in connection with this sphere of labour.

NANSEMOND CO. 1842.

In compliance with the 35th Canon, I herewith report: that I have occasionally (when my health would permit) officiated for Brother Smith, in his church in this county. Baptisms, white 13, colored 5, Funerals, white 14, colored 5—total 19; Marriage 1.

JACOB KEELING.

## FORM OF PAROCHIAL REPORT.

*Report of*                      *Rector of*                      *church,*  
*(or of*                      *parish)*                      *county.*

Communicants—added            ; removed            ; died            ;  
 suspended            ;—total            .

Baptisms—adults            ; viz: white            , colored            ;  
 infants            ; viz: white            , colored            ;—total            .

Confirmations

Marriages

Funerals

Number of families            , adults            , infants            .

Amount collected for the different institutions connected  
 with the Church, \$            .

Remarks to be added by the Rector.



Marlin's Brandon parish, Prince George	3	18	10	30	5	9	25	77	2	13	32	17	69 00
Memorial church, Richmond	16	8	10	20	40	25	1	5	300	130	886 00		
Neve parish, Campbell county, St. John's church	22	9	7	10	1	5	22	2	46	13	83 28		
Newport parish, and Christ church, Smithfield	4	3	2	2	2	2	1	2	40	40	108 00		
Nelson parish, Nelson	2	5	10	34	44	53	2	4	100	73	300 00		
North Farnham parish, Richmond county	17	5	10	34	44	53	2	4	100	73	300 00		
Portsmouth parish, Trinity church, Portsmouth	11	1	4	4	6	10	1	1	40	33	160 00		
Raleight parish, Halifax	3	2	3	7	3	10	7	7	1	67	19 00		
St. Mark's parish, St. Stephen's and St. James' churches, Culpeper	7	4	3	4	7	16	25	2	44	60	86 00		
St. Thomas' parish, Orange	6	3	1	10	7	16	25	1	80	90	240 00		
Shuburne parish, St. James' church, Leesburg	17	5	8	9	16	33	21	4	90	82	381 74		
St. Andrew's parish, Brunswick and Bath parish, Dinwiddie	8	5	14	10	24	3	3	1	82	16	400 00		
St. Andrew's parish, Zion church, Jefferson	2	1	1	1	1	1	5	1	29	28	11 50		
St. George's parish, Christ church, Spotsylvania	1	2	4	3	3	4	1	3	26	1	15 63		
St. Margaret's parish, Caroline	6	4	3	3	3	4	1	1	27	164	1,500 00		
St. Ann's parish, Essex	9	1	2	3	3	4	1	1	1	1	419 81		
South Farnham parish, Essex	15	2	4	26	30	21	21	3	4	10	176 00		
St. George's parish, St. George's church, Fredericksburg	2	4	3	11	14	13	33	2	2	2	174 00		
St. James' parish and King William parish, Powhatan	14	3	9	18	27	21	33	4	1	58	391 00		
St. James' parish, Mecklenburg	5	5	3	3	3	23	25	22	59	46	516 39		
St. James' church, Richmond	7	3	8	14	1	23	25	22	19	6	25 00		
St. James' parish, Northam, Goodland and Fluvanna	7	4	4	16	2	8	5	3	1	1	14 56		
St. Mark's parish and Kena wha parish	9	3	2	2	2	8	3	3	61	14	14 56		
St. John's and Christ church, Wellburg, Brooke	8	1	10	10	10	4	12	7	60	30	100 00		
St. Martin's parish, Hanover	6	7	9	10	10	4	12	7	13	15	30 00		
St. Mary's parish, St. Peter's church, Port Royal, Grace church, Caroline, and King George Court House	12	10	5	23	28	24	26	9	4	102	86 00		
St. Mark's parish, Culpeper	19	1	13	5	18	2	13	2	1	32	250 00		
St. Paul's church, Lynchburg, Campbell	2	5	7	7	4	8	13	2	3	24	100 00		
St. Paul's church, Alexandria, D. C.	12	10	34	5	40	2	2	1	4	150	391 00		
St. Ann's parish, Christ church, Albemarle	19	1	13	5	18	2	13	2	1	32	250 00		
Suffolk parish, Chuckatuck, Nansemond	2	5	7	7	4	8	13	2	3	24	100 00		
Tillotson parish, Buckingham	2	1	3	3	3	3	2	2	24	24	30 00		
Walker's parish, Walker's church, Albemarle	4	2	3	5	3	8	1	3	32	32	86 00		
West Russell parish, Bedford	12	3	9	5	3	8	1	3	30	30	86 00		
Westover parish, Charles City county	9	4	9	10	2	21	19	21	3	79	250 00		
Wickliffe parish, Clarke	9	4	9	10	2	21	19	21	3	79	250 00		
Woodville parish, Lexington and Buchanan	9	4	9	10	2	21	19	21	3	79	250 00		

## A LIST OF THE PARISHES OF THE DIOCESE OF VIRGINIA.

*with their respective*

## COUNTIES, CHURCHES, AND MINISTERS.

The Clergy will greatly assist the Secretary in completing the following list, which is here but imperfectly commenced, if they will at the next Convention insert in their Parochial Reports the names of the *counties, parishes, and churches* under their care.

PARISHES.	COUNTIES.	CHURCHES.	MINISTERS.
Accomac,	Accomac,		Charles Mann.
Abingdon,	Gloucester,		John Grammer.
Antrim,	Halifax,	St. Mark's,	F. D. Goodwin.
Augusta,	Augusta,	Trinity,	T. T. Castleman.
Bath,	Dinwiddie,	Sapony,	St. M. Fackler.
Berkely,	Spottsylvania,	St. John's,	D. M. Wharton.
Botetourt,	Botetourt		William Hodges.
Bruton,	James City,		
Boyden,	Augusta,		
Bloomfield,	Madison,	{ Piedmont, }	R. T. Brown.
		{ Trinity, }	N. H. Cobbs.
Bristol,	Prince George,	St. Paul's,	
Brunswick,	Stafford,		
Brunswick,	King George,	Lamb's Creek,	Ed. B. McGuire.
	Lexington,		
Camden,	Pittsylvania,	St. Andrew's	Jas. H. McMechen.
Clarksburg,	Harrison,		
{ Cople, }	Westmoreland, }		W. N. Ward.
{ Lunenburg, }			
{ N. Farnham, }	Richmond, }		
Christ church,	Lancaster,	Christ,	
Cumberland,	Lunenburg,	{ St. James', }	Thomas E. Locke.
		{ St. Paul's, }	
Cornwall,	Charlotte,	Roanoke,	
Christ church,	Middlesex,		
Camden,	Pittsylvania,	{ Danville and }	G. W. Dame.
		{ Competition, }	
Dale,	Chesterfield,	Sapony,	P. F. Berkely.
Dettenger,	Prince William,	St. James',	John Towles.
Elizabeth City,	Elizabeth City,	{ St. John's, }	M. L. Chevers.
		{ Centurion, }	
Elizabeth,	Norfolk,	{ St. Paul's,	B. M. Miller.
		{ Christ,	U. Beall.
Frederickville,	Albemarle,	{ Trinity,	
		{ Christ,	R. K. Meade.
Frederick,	Frederick,	{ Buckmountain,	
		{ St. Thomas',	J. E. Jackson.
		{ Christ,	C. B. Dana.
Fairfax,	Fairfax,	{ St. Paul's,	J. T. Johnston.
		{ Falls,	
Frederick,	Clarke,	{ Wickliffe, }	W. G. H. Jones.
Farnham,	Richmond,	{ The Chapel, }	
Franklin,	Franklin,		E. Christian.

PARISHES.	COUNTIES.	CHURCHES.	MINISTERS.
Henrico,	Henrico,	{ Monumental, St. John's, Christ, St. James', K. George C. H.	Wm. Norwood. William H. Hart. George Woodbridge. A. Empie, D.D. William Friend. J. P. B. Wilmer. George Lemmon. J. Towles.
Hanover, Hungar's, Hamilton, Haymarket,	King George, Northampton, Fauquier, Prince William,		
Kenawha,	Kenawha,	{ St. John's, St. Mark's,	James Craik.
Leeds,	Fauquier,		
Lynnhaven,	Princess Ann,	{ Donation, and Chapel, Amherst C. H. } { New Glasgow, }	J. G. Hull.
Lexington,	Amherst,		D. Caldwell.
Lunenburg,	Richmond,		W. N. Ward:
Leeds,	Prince William,	St. Paul's,	J. Towles. W. H. Kinckle.
Littleton,	Cumberland,		
Manchester,	Chesterfield,		
Meade,	Loudon,		Philip Slaughter.
Martin's Brandon,	Prince George,	Merchant's Hope,	A. Smith,
Meherrin,	Greenville,		
Moore,	Campbell,	{ St. John's, St. Paul's, Christ, Mill Creek, Brick, Christ, Trinity, Callaway,	S. D. Tompkins, T. Atkinson.
Norborne,	Berkeley,		
Newport,	Iale of Wight,		Thomas Smith.
Nelson,	Nelson,		C. K. Nelson.
Nottoway,	Nottoway,	Aquia, Trinity,	W. C. P. Johnson. J. H. Wingfield.
Overwharton,	Stafford,		
Portsmouth,	Norfolk,		
Petersworth,	Gloucester,	{ Trinity, St. Stephen's, }	J. S. Marbury.
Russell,	Bedford,	Grub Hill, Mt. Laurel,	P. F. Berkeley. J. T. Clarke.
Raleigh,	Amelia,		
Roanoke,	Halifax,		
St. James',	Prince William,		
St. George's,	Accomac,	{ St. James', and St. George's, }	E. Boyden.
St. Anne's,	Albemarle,	Christ,	T. T. Castleman.
St. Andrew's,	Brunswick,	St. Andrew's,	St. M. Fackler.
St. Margaret's,	Caroline,	St. Margaret's,	
St. Mary's,	Caroline,	{ St. Peter's, Grace, St. Stephen's, —,	W. Friend. J. Cole. J. W. Woodville. J. P. McGuire. J. P. McGuire. R. H. Wilmer. W. V. Bowers. F. H. McGuire. E. C. McGuire, D.D. George Adie. Alexander Jones. J. Martin. J. H. Wingfield.
St. Mark's,	Culpeper		
St. Anne's,	Essex,		
South Farnham,	Essex,		
St. James', Northam,	Goochland,	St. Paul's,	
St. Martin's,	Hanover,		
St. James',	Mecklenburg,		
St. George's,	Spottsylvania,	St. George's,	
Shelburne,	Loudon,	St. James',	
St. Andrew's,	Jefferson.	Zion,	
St. Paul's,	King George,	St. Paul's,	
Suffolk,	Nansemond,	St. Paul's.	
Southwark,	Surry,		
Southam,	Powhatan,	{ Peterville, Manakin,	J. A. Massey.
St. Thomas',	Orange,	St. Thomas,	Jos. Earnest.
	Brooke co.	{ St. John's, church, Christ church,	J. L. Harrison.

PARTISHERS.	COUNTIES.	CHURCHES.	MINISTERS.
S. Matthews,	Ohio,	St. Matthews,	William Armstrong.
Truro,	Fairfax,	Pohick,	W. P. C. Johnson.
Trinity,	Louisa,		
Tillotson,	Buckingham,	{ St. Peters, }	J. H. Morrison.
Walkers,	Albermarle,	{ Goodwin's, }	E. Boyden.
Ware,	Gloucester,	Walker's,	Charles Mana:
Winchester,	Frederick,	Christ,	J. E. Jackson.
Washington,	Westmoreland,		W. T. Leavell.
Westover,	Charles City,		N. Sale.
West Russell,	Bedford,		A. Shiras.
Wickliffe,	Clarke,		W. Bryant.
Woodville,	Botetourt, and Rock'ge,		

## A LIST

## THE CLERGY OF THE DIOCESE OF VIRGINIA,

WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE

## PARISHES AND POST OFFICES.

clergy who have recently entered the Diocese or removed from one part to another when they present their Parochial Reports to the Convention to send in also the air respective Post Offices, if they expect them to be inserted in the following list.

## BY.

## PARISHES.

## POST OFFICES.

m. Meade, D.D. George Rev. William Rev. Thomas Upton Rev. Parke F. Rev. William V. Rev. E. Rev. R. T. Rev. William T. Rev. Thos. T. James Rev. Mark L. Rev. James Rev. John T. Rev. Nicholas H. John John James M. Rev. Edmund Rev. Josiah Rev. Wm. Rev. George W. Charles B. Rev. James Rev. Joseph Rev. Adam Rev. St. M. Rev. William Rev. Frederick D. Rev. James Rev. John Rev. C. G. Charles William H. John H. Rev. William Rev. J. H. Rev. J. E. Rev. William M. Rev. William G. Rev. James T. Rev. Wm. P. C.	Shelburne parish, St. Matthew's church, Wheeling, St. Paul's church, Christ church, Raleigh and Dale parishes, St. Martin's Parish, Hanover, St. Ann's and Walker's parishes, { Bloomfield parish, Madison, and } { Missionary in Rappahannock, } Woodville, { St. Andrew's parish, Brunswick, } { and Bath parish, Dinwiddie, } Kenawha parish, St. John's church, Hampton,  Mount Laurel church, Halifax, St. Paul's church, St. Stephen's church, Officiating in Hanover,  Franklin,  Fairfax parish,  St. Thomas' church, Orange, St. James' church, { St. Margaret's parish, Caroline, & } { St. John's ch'h, Berkeley parish, } { Spottsylvania, } { St. Peter's, Port Royal and Grace, } Caroline, Augusta parish,  Antrim parish,  St. John's church, Missionary, Donation and Chapel, Bruton parish,  Christ church,  Chaplain United States Navy. St. Paul's church, Alexandria, Pohick church, Fairfax,	Millwood, Clarke. Leesburg, Loudon. Wheeling, Ohio county. Lynchburg. Norfolk. Wilkinsonville, Chesterfield. New Amsterdam. Everettsville, Albemarle. Woodville, Rappahannock. Lexington. Lawrenceville, Brunswick. Kenawha Court House. Old Point Comfort.  Mount Laurel, Halifax. Petersburg. Culpeper Court House. New Amsterdam, Hanover.  Rocky Mount.  Louisa C. H. Danville. Alexandria, D. C. Lynchburg. Orange C. H. Richmond.  Spottsylvania C. H.  Port Royal. Staunton, Augusta. Point Pleasant, Mason. Halifax Court House. Petersburg. Alexandria, D. C. Richmond. Athens, Greece.  Williamsburg. Wellsburg, Brooke county. Winchester. Charlottesville.  Alexandria, D. C. Alexandria, D. C.
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## CLERGY.

Jones, Rev. Alexander  
 Jones, Rev. William G. H.  
 Keeling, Rev. Jacob  
 Keith, D.D., Rev. Reuel  
 Kinckle, Rev. William H.  
 Leavell, Rev. William T.  
 Lemmon, Rev. George  
 Lippitt, Rev. Edward R.  
 Locke, Rev. Thomas E.  
 Mann, Rev. Charles  
 Marbury, Rev. J. S.  
 Martin, Rev. John  
 Massey, Rev. J. A.  
 Meade, Rev. Richard K.  
 Miller, Rev. Benjamin M.  
 Minor, Rev. Launcelot B.  
 Morrison, Rev. J. H.  
 McElroy, Rev. James  
 Macfarland, Rev. Malcolm  
 McGuire, D.D., Rev. E. C.  
 McGuire, Rev. John P.  
 McGuire, Rev. Francis H.  
 McMechen, Rev. James H.  
 Nelson, Rev. Cleland K.  
 Newell, Rev. Chester  
 Norwood, Rev. Wm.  
 Packard, Rev. Joseph  
 Payne, Rev. John  
 Parks, Rev. Martin P.  
 Pendleton, Rev. W. N.  
 Rooker, Rev. W. Y.  
 Sale, Rev. Nelson  
 Shiras, Rev. Alexander  
 Slaughter, Rev. Philip  
 Smith, Rev. Thomas  
 Smith, Rev. Joshua  
 Smith, Rev. George A.  
 Smith, Rev. Aristides  
 Sparrow, D.D., Rev. Wm.  
 Syme, D.D., Rev. Andrew  
 Taliaferro, Rev. Charles C.  
 Temple, Rev. H. W. L.  
 Towles, Rev. John  
 Tyler, Rev. Joseph D.  
 Tompkins, Rev. S. D.  
 Ward, Rev. William N.  
 Wharton, Rev. Dabney M.  
 Wingfield, Rev. John H.  
 Woodbridge, Rev. George  
 Woodville, Rev. John W.  
 Wilmer, Rev. Richard H.  
 Wilmer, Rev. J. P. B.

## PARISHES.

St. Andrew's parish,  
 Frederick parish,  
 Prof. in Theological Seminary, of Va.,  
 Cornwall parish,  
 Westover parish,  
 Hamilton and Leeds parishes,  
 Prof. in Theological Seminary of Va.,  
 Cumberland parish, Lunenburg,  
 Abingdon and Ware parishes,  
 Russel parish, Bedford.  
 St. Paul's,  
 Frederickville parish,  
 St. Paul's church,  
 Missionary,  
 Agent Bible Society,  
 Martins Brandon parish, Prince Geo.,  
 St. George's church,  
 St. Ann's and S. Farnham parishes,  
 St. James' parish,  
 Trinity, and Callaway churches,  
 Chaplain U. S. Navy.  
 Monumental ch., Richmond.  
 Prof. in Theological Seminary of Va.  
 Missionary,  
 Chaplain to Military Academy,  
 Principal of the High School,  
 West Russel parish, Bedford,  
 Wickliffe parish, Clarke,  
 Meade parish,  
 Newport parish,  
 Missionary,  
 Principal of Fairfax Institute,  
 Prof. in Theol. Seminary of Va.,  
 St. James' and St. Paul's churches,  
 Principal of Deaf & Dumb Asylum,  
 Moore parish,  
 { Cople parish, Westmoreland, and  
 { Lunenburg and North Farnham }  
 parishes, Richmond county,  
 Botetourt parish,  
 Portsmouth parish,  
 Christ church,  
 St. Mark's parish,  
 St. Paul's, Northam,  
 Hungar's parish,

## POST OFFICES.

Charlestown, Jefferson.  
 Millwood, Clarke county.  
 Suffolk.  
 Theol. Seminary, Fairfax co.  
 Charlotte Court House.  
 Charles City Court House.  
 Warrenton, Fauquier.  
 Alexandria, D. C.  
 Whittle's Mills, Mecklenburg.  
 Gloucester Court House.  
 New London, Campbell.  
 King George Court House.  
 Macon, Powhatan.  
 Charlottesville, Albemarle.  
 Norfolk.  
 Cape Palmas, Africa.  
 Buckingham C. H.  
 Staunton, Augusta.  
 Petersburg.  
 Fredericksburg.  
 Loretto, Essex.  
 Boydton, Mecklenburg.  
 Clarksburg, Harrison co.  
 Variety Mills, Nelson.  
 Richmond.  
 Alexandria, D. C.  
 Cape Palmas, Africa.  
 West Point, N. Y.  
 Alexandria, D. C.  
 Matthews C. H.  
 Davis' Store, Bedford.  
 Berryville, Clarke.  
 Upperville, Fauquier.  
 Smithfield, Isle of Wight.  
 Cape Palmas, Africa.  
 Alexandria, D. C.  
 Petersburg.  
 Alexandria, D. C.  
 Petersburg.  
 Fredericksburg.  
 Miller's Tavern, Essex.  
 Brentsville, Prince William.  
 Staunton, Augusta.  
 Lynchburg.  
 Warsaw, Richmond.  
 Big Lick, Botetourt.  
 Portsmouth.  
 Richmond.  
 Stevensburg, Culpeper.  
 Pemberton, Geochland.  
 Eastville, Northampton.

## ERRATUM.

On page 3, second paragraph from top, last line, for "Rev. xii. 2." read Rev. xii. 11.

OF THE

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN THE

DIOCESE OF VIRGINIA.

HELD IN MONUMENTAL CHURCH, RICHMOND, VIRGINIA,

ON THE 11th of May, 1864.

# PLACES FOR THE MEETING OF CONVENTION

LEXINGTON	-	-	-	-	-
FREDERICKSBURG	-	-	-	-	-
SPRINGFIELD	-	-	-	-	-
WINDHOLM	-	-	-	-	-
NOVA	-	-	-	-	-
CHARLOTTESVILLE	-	-	-	-	-
ALLANVILLE	-	-	-	-	-
STANTON	-	-	-	-	-
RICHMOND	-	-	-	-	-

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RICHMOND, MAY 17, 1843.

It being the day appointed by the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Virginia, for the meeting of the Annual Convention of the Diocese, the Right Rev. William Meade, Bishop, and Right Rev. John Johns, Assistant Bishop, together with a number of the Clergy and Laity, assembled at twelve o'clock, A. M., in the Monumental Church.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Upton Beall, of Norfolk, and the Communion sermon preached by the Right Rev. John Johns, Assistant Bishop, from Matthew iv. 16. "Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in it: for in doing this, thou shalt both serve thyself, and them that hear thee." Divine service being ended, the Convention was called to order by the Bishop, the President.

A list of the Clergy belonging to this Diocese was then called by the Secretary, when the following gentlemen were found to be in attendance, and took their seats as members:

RT. REV. WILLIAM MEADE, D. D., Bishop.

RT. REV. JOHN JOHNS, D. D., Assistant Bishop.

Rev. GEO. ADIE,

" WM. ARMSTRONG,  
" THO'S ATKINSON,  
" CHAS. W. ANDREWS,  
" UPTON BEALL,  
" PARKE F. BERKELEY,  
" WM. V. BOWERS,  
" E. BOYDEN,  
" R. T. BROWN,  
" WM. T. BRYANT,  
" THO'S T. CASTLEMAN,  
" MARK L. CHEVERS,  
" JAS. CHISHOLM,  
" JNO. T. CLARKE,  
" NICH'S H. COBBES, D. D.,  
" JOHN COLE,  
" JOHN COOKE,  
" GEO. W. DAME,  
" CHAS. B. DANA,  
" JAS. DOUGHEN,  
" JOS. EARNEST,  
" ADAM EMPIE, D. D.,  
" WM. FRIEND,  
" FRED. D. GOODWIN,  
" JOHN GRAMMER,  
" C. J. GIBSON,

Rev. WM. HODGES,

" WM. M. JACKSON,  
" WM. G. H. JONES,  
" WM. H. KINKLE,  
" WM. T. LEAVELL,  
" EDW'D R. LIPPITT,  
" THO'S E. LOCKE,  
" CHAS. MANN,  
" J. S. MARBURY,  
" JOHN MARTIN,  
" J. A. MASSEY,  
" RICH. K. MEADE,  
" BENJ'N M. MILLER,  
" J. H. MORRISON,  
" MALCOLM MCFARLAND,  
" EDW'D C. MCGUIRE, D. D.,  
" JOHN P. MCGUIRE,  
" FRANCIS H. MCGUIRE,  
" EDW'D B. MCGUIRE,  
" CLELAND K. NELSON,  
" WM. NORWOOD,  
" JOS. PACKARD,  
" WM. N. PENDLETON,  
" WM. Y. ROOPER,  
" NELSON SALE,  
" PHILIP SLAUGHTER,

Rev. THOMAS SMITH,  
 " ARISTIDES SMITH,  
 " WM. SPARROW, D. D.,  
 " JOHN TOWLES,  
 " NICH'S P. TILLINGHAST,  
 " WM. N. WARD,  
 " DABNEY M. WHARTON,

Rev. JOHN H. WINGFIELD,  
 " GEORGE WOODBRIDGE,  
 " JOHN W. WOODVILLE,  
 " RICH'D H. WILMER,  
 " J. P. B. WILMER,  
 " SAM'L WINCHESTER.

## RULES OF ORDER.

1. The Convention shall be opened every day with prayer.
2. When the President takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, except to address the Chair.
3. When any member is about to speak in debate or deliver any matter to the Convention, he shall rise from his seat and respectfully address himself to the President, and shall confine himself to the question under debate and avoid personality.
4. If any member in speaking or otherwise transgress the rules of the Convention, the President shall, or any member may, call to order, in which case, the member so called to order *shall* immediately take his seat, unless permitted to explain, and the Convention shall, if appealed to, decide on the case, but without debate; and if there be no appeal, the decision of the Chair shall be submitted to; if the decision be in favor of the member called to order, he shall be at liberty to proceed; if otherwise, and the case require it, he shall be liable to the censure of the Convention.
5. When two or more members happen to rise at once, the President shall name the member who is first to speak.
6. No member shall speak more than twice to the same question without leave of the Convention, nor more than once, until every member choosing to speak, shall have spoken.
7. Whilst the President is putting any question or addressing the Convention none shall walk out of, or across the house—nor in such case, or when a member is speaking, shall entertain private discourse—nor whilst a member is speaking, shall pass between him and the Chair.
8. No member shall vote on any question in the event of which he is immediately and particularly interested, or in any case where he was not present when the question was put.
9. Upon a division and count of the Convention on any question, no member without the limits allotted as seats of the members shall be counted.
10. Every member who shall be in the house when the question is put shall give his vote, unless the Convention, for special reasons, shall excuse him.
11. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be stated by the President, or being in writing, it shall be handed to the Chair, and read aloud by the Secretary, before debate.
12. Every motion shall be reduced to writing if the President or any member require it.
13. After a motion is stated by the President, or read by the Secretary, it shall be deemed to be in possession of the Convention, but may be withdrawn at any time before decision or amendment.
14. When a question is under debate no motion shall be received, but to adjourn, to lie on the table, for the previous question, to postpone indefinitely or to a certain day, to commit to a committee, or to amend—which several motions shall *have precedence in the order they stand arranged*.

15. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, and shall be decided without debate.

16. The previous question shall be in this form—"Shall the main question be now put?" It shall be admitted only when demanded by a majority of the members present, and until it is decided, shall preclude all amendments and further debate on the main question.

17. On the previous question there shall be no debate.

18. When a question is decided by the Convention, or is postponed indefinitely, the same shall not be acted upon again during the session, without the consent of two-thirds of the members present.

19. Any member may call for the division of a question, where the sense will admit of it, but a question to strike out and insert shall be deemed indivisible.

20. No new motion or proposition shall be admitted under color of amendment, as a substitute for the motion or proposition under debate.

21. When a motion has been once made and carried in the affirmative or negative it shall be in order for any member of the majority to move a reconsideration thereof, on the same or next day.

22. No member shall absent himself from the service of the Convention unless he have leave, or be sick and unable to attend.

23. The President shall, at his discretion, select suitable seats without the limits of those pews allotted for the use of the members, which shall be appropriated to the exclusive accommodation of visiting clergymen and candidates for orders, who may be invited by the rector or wardens of the church in which the meetings of the Convention are held, under the direction of the President of the Convention; it being expected that those to whom such seats are appropriated will confine themselves to the same.

24. No spectator shall, during the daily sessions of the Convention, be admitted above or within the pews allotted to the members of the Convention, and it is expected and hoped that not only the spectators will attend to this regulation, but that the rector and wardens of the church in which the sessions of the Convention are held will see that this rule of order is not violated.

25. There shall on the first day of the Convention be appointed by the President, unless otherwise directed by the Convention, the following standing committees, to consist of an equal number of each order:

A committee on the State of the Church, to whom shall be referred the addresses of the Bishop and Assistant Bishop on the opening of the Convention.

A committee on the Fund for the Support of Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen.

A committee on the Episcopal Fund.

A committee on the Accounts of the Treasurer of the Missionary Society.

A committee on Parochial Reports.

A committee on the Admission of New Parishes.

A committee of Elections.

A committee of Finance consisting of laymen.

26. The credentials of the Lay Delegates shall be handed in to the Secretary, and be by him read to the Convention, and if it shall appear that there is any doubt as to the right of any delegate to his seat, the same shall be referred to the Committee of Elections, to be by the said committee forthwith examined into and reported upon to the Convention.

27. When three members require it the vote on all questions shall be by ayes and noes.

28. None of the rules of Order shall be suspended without the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present.



29. The business first in order after the organization of the Convention, shall be reading of the Pastoral addresses, Parochial Reports, and the Proceedings of the Standing Committee.

The certificates of Lay Delegates being called for and received, the Rev. Messrs. Grammer and Sale, and Mr. Nelson Page, were appointed a committee to examine and report thereon.

On motion of Rev. Thomas Atkinson, *Resolved*, that the 2d resolution, making provision for the salary of the Assistant Bishop, passed at the last Convention, be amended by inserting the word "*white*" before "*communicant*," so that the said resolution will hereafter read as follows: *Resolved*, that the vestries of the different parishes in the Diocese be required to send to the next Convention their respective quotas towards the payment of the expenses of the Diocese, assessed at the rate of one dollar for each white communicant.

*Committee on New Parishes.*—The following gentlemen were appointed the committee on the admission of new parishes, viz: Messrs. Bowers and Sale, of the Clergy, and Col. Carrington and Roger B. Atkinson, of the Laity.

The Rev. C. J. Gibson thereupon presented an application from Grace church congregation, Petersburg, for admission into the Diocese.—*Referred*.

The Rev. Jos. Earnest presented an application from St. John's church congregation, Mechanicsville, Louisa county, for admission into the Diocese.—*Referred*.

Mr. Nelson Page, from the committee appointed to examine the certificates of Lay Delegates, reported the following named gentlemen as duly entitled to seats in this Convention, viz:

John Crenshaw, West Russell parish, Bedford.  
 Hector Harris, Russell parish, Bedford.  
 Henry Dennison, Falls church, Fairfax parish.  
 Roger B. Atkinson, Cumberland parish, Lunenburg.  
 Robert K. Dabney, St. James' parish, Southam.  
 George Lambeth, Christ church, Richmond.  
 Rich'd H. Cunningham, St. James' church, Culpeper.  
 John R. Robinson, Grubb Hill church, Raleigh parish.  
 Wm. W. Moseby, St. Paul's church, Lynchburg.  
 Lewis A. Boggs, Berkley Parish, Spottsylvania.  
 John Cole, Meherrin parish, Greenville.  
 Hugh W. Sheffield, Trinity church, Staunton.  
 Geo. M. Carrington, St. John's church, Henrico parish.  
 Nelson Page, Lyttleton parish, Cumberland.  
 John G. Hutton, Trinity church, Portsmouth.  
 Chas. J. Merriwether, Christ church, Charlottesville.  
 David W. Broadnax, St. Andrew's parish, Brunswick.  
 R. W. Royster, King William parish, Powhatan.  
 Thos. Withers, Bath parish, Dinwiddie.  
 Walter C. Winston, St. Stephen's church, Culpeper.  
 Chas. Urquhart, St. Peter's church, Port Royal.  
 Thos. H. Clagett, St. James' church, Shelburne parish.  
 Rob't C. Harrison, Westover parish, Charles City.  
 Fred'k Foote, Leeds parish, Prince William.  
 Wm. Pollock, St. George church, Fredericksburg.  
 Thurmer Hoggard, Lynnhaven parish, Princess Ann.  
 Philip A. Bolling, Tillottson parish, Buckingham.  
 Wm. Williams and Wm. H. McFarland, Monumental church, Richmond.  
 John R. Noel, St. Martin's parish, Hanover.  
 Wm. Bolling, St. James', Northam, Goochland.  
 Lewis B. Williams, St. Thomas' church, Orange.  
 Wm. H. Richardson, St. James' church, Richmond.  
 Philip Williams, Christ church, Winchester.  
 Robert Gilliam, Martin's, Brandon parish, Prince George.  
 Hugh M. Nelson, Frederick parish, Clarke.

Edw'd S. Pegram, Christ church, Norfolk.  
 Jas. W. Brockenborough, Woodville parish.  
 Jas. S. Gilliam, St. John's church, City Point.  
 Wm. T. Weir, Dettinger parish, Prince William.  
 Wm. Brown, Hanover parish, King George.  
 Thos. Nelson, Newport parish, Isle of Wight.  
 Geo. S. Carraway, St. Paul's church, Norfolk.  
 Cassius F. Lee, Christ church, Alexandria.  
 Dr. Sam'l R. Shield, St. John's church, Hampton.  
 John Chowning, Christ Church parish, Lancaster.  
 Jacob C. Sheldon, Bruton parish, Williamsburg.  
 Jacob W. Stuart, St. Paul's parish, King George.  
 David May, Bristol parish, Petersburg.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Norwood, *Resolved*, That during the remainder of the Convention, Divine Service be held every day (Sunday excepted) at 9 o'clock, A. M.; and that the Convention assemble for the transaction of business immediately thereafter.

On motion of Mr. R. B. Atkinson, the Convention adjourned to meet at the appointed time.

#### THURSDAY, MAY 18, 1843.

The Convention met agreeably to adjournment immediately after Divine Service. The journal of yesterday's proceedings having been read,

Rev. Mr. Friend presented an application from St. John's church, Hanover parish, for admission into the Diocese.—Referred.

Rev. Mr. Berkeley presented an application from the wardens and vestry of Grace church, Genito parish, Powhatan, for a division of St. James' parish and the admission of the former into this Diocese.—Referred.

The Right Rev. Bishop Meade presented his annual address, and read as follows:

#### REPORT AND ADDRESS OF RT. REV. BISHOP MEADE.

DEAR BRETHREN: Although very much disabled during the past year from preaching the gospel, as formerly, yet through the goodness of God I have been permitted to visit a number of the congregations, and perform those services which belong peculiarly to the Episcopal office.

Early on the Sabbath morning after the adjournment of the last Convention, I confirmed seventeen persons in the church at Staunton, and at a subsequent hour, admitted Mr. Gillett to the Deaconship, and the Rev. Mr. Kinkle, Mr. McFarland and Mr. Caldwell to the Priesthood. After this I visited the following places, performing the duties specified: Charlottesville, confirming eleven; Green Mountain, Albemarle county, confirming one; Nelson county, four; Buckingham county, fifteen; Cumberland, eight, and consecrating a new church at Ca Ira; Goochland, 16; Powhatan, confirming seven, and consecrating a new church at Genito, also confirming six at Peterville, and two at Manakin town; was prevented by high waters from reaching Grubhill in Amelia; preached once in Hanover; spent some time in Richmond, confirming fifty-four in the Monumental church, thirty-four at St. James', twenty-nine at Christ's, ten at St. John's; at Petersburg, confirmed ten; at City Point, seven, and consecrated a new church; spent two Sabbaths and the intervening days at Norfolk and Portsmouth, confirming—eighty-two in Christ's church, and eleven in St. Paul's, and forty-four in Ports-

month; visited Princess Ann, confirming three; Hampton, confirming six, and Old Point, two. In the month of July attended the examinations at the Seminary and High School; confirmed at the chapel of the Seminary; ten at St. Paul's, sixteen at Christ's church, and ordained the Rev. Mr. Chisholm, Priest, and Mr. Winchester and Mr. Todd, Deacons. In August visited Winchester and Wickliffe parish; also Leed's parish, Fauquier, consecrating a neat brick church, and confirming ten. In September, visited Culpeper, consecrating a new church, and confirming twelve; also visited Warrenton and Haymarket, confirming seven at the first and nine at the last. I was too indisposed to visit Brentsville and the new church in Fauquier. Early in October, I went to Alexandria, where I met with the venerable Bishop Griswold. On Sunday we united in the ordination of the Rev. Mr. Gillett as Priest, and Mr. Tillinghast as Deacon: the latter being ordained by Bishop Griswold, as he came from the Eastern Diocese. We also visited together our Seminary and I addressed the students: It was truly gratifying to me to hear from his own lips a strong approval of that Institution. Proceeding together to Richmond, we united with the Bishops of North Carolina and Maryland in a solemn act, the consecration of a beloved brother as Assistant Bishop of Virginia. For this kind dispensation of Providence to myself and the Diocese of Virginia, I have cause for daily gratitude, in which I am assured your hearts sympathize most deeply. While in Richmond I ordained the Rev. Mr. Massey, Priest, Bishop Griswold preaching; and also confirmed twenty-three in St. James' church. Proceeding to Lynchburg, Bishop Johns and myself spent several days, himself preaching repeatedly, and myself confirming twenty-two persons. From thence, parting from Bishop Johns, I proceeded to Ronoake and Botetourt counties, preaching several times and confirming five. Being joined by the Rev. Mr. Atkinson, I now visited, for the first time, the most southwestern part of our State, going as far as Abingdon near the Tennessee line. Mr. Atkinson and myself spent five days in religious services at this place, during which, five were baptized, and the Lord's Supper administered, and seven persons confirmed. We were much gratified by our visit to this place, and left it with the hope that our Church would at no distant day be established there, and with the promise to do what is practicable to effect the same. During our journey to and from Abingdon, we stopped at Marion and Wythe Court Houses, performing some services, spending two days at the latter, where baptism to one adult and one infant, was administered, and confirmation to one person, and the Lord's Supper to a small number. At this place we were indebted to the kindness of the Methodists, as we had been at Abingdon to that of the Presbyterians, for a house of worship. After leaving Wytheville, I returned to Roanoke, where I officiated two days. Thence to Liberty, in Bedford county, where I spent two days, confirming nine persons. With most commendable zeal, our friends in this place had just contributed \$3,000 for the erection of a church, and their example, I was told, was about to be followed in another part of the county, though in an humbler way. Two days were spent also at St. Stephen's, in Bedford, on the first of which fourteen were confirmed, and on the second Rev. Mr. Marbury and Mr. Tomkins were admitted to the Priesthood, the Rev. Mr. Nelson preaching the sermon and Mr. Sale presenting the candidates. During the same week, one night was spent in the church at Lynchburg, where two were confirmed, the one being a colored person. The next Saturday and Sunday were spent at Trinity; on the first day the Rev. Mr. Doughen preached; and on the second I did the same, and confirmed ten. Three days were now spent at Buchannan, where several of the brethren met and had frequent services, and where seven were confirmed. From thence we proceeded to Lexington, in Rockbridge, where very interesting services were continued for four days. Besides preaching several times, I confirmed sixteen, administered the Lord's Supper, and, by request of the presiding officers, addressed the students in the College and Military Institute. With great kindness were we received by the inhabitants of the place, and deeply were we interested with that religious feeling which pervaded the whole town, but especially the young men of the College and Institute. The prospect of erecting an Episcopal church in *Lexington*, must be very gratifying to us all. The worthy minister of that parish

will give you a more detailed account of the success attending his efforts. I next visited Staunton, where seven persons were confirmed; then Charlottesville, where nine were confirmed, and when there, preached once at the University to the students. I also spent a Sunday at Fredericksburg, preaching once, and confirming fifteen. After spending a Sunday in Alexandria, and preaching once, I returned home for the remainder of the winter; during which I visited Winchester, Berryville and Upperville, confirming sixteen at the first, nine at the second, and seven at the third place. To these may be added two confirmations in Alexandria, during April, of nine persons in Christ's church, and ten in St. Paul's; also one in Hanover, of thirteen persons. While at the Seminary, I ordained Mr. Lockwood, Deacon.

Being to a considerable extent deprived of the privilege of preaching the gospel, and not expecting again to be able to perform that duty as formerly, my thoughts were directed to some other method of rendering a little service to the cause of religion in our Church. Having been often urged to take part in the preparation of the students of our Seminary for the active discharge of pastoral duty, I have spent a portion of the winter in preparing some very plain, practical lectures on pastoral theology, which I have been recently delivering to those who are soon to enter on duties of which, without experience, few can form any just idea. The exercise has been so gratifying to my feelings, that I have resolved, should it be the wish of the Trustees, to continue the same from year to year, if my life be spared, endeavoring to improve myself in the use of these unfashioned materials with which the work has been begun.

Having thus stated the duties performed during the past year, I would add a few remarks on several topics considered to be of sufficient importance to justify particular notice.

1st. It will be observed that during the past year, as well as that preceding it, the additions to the communion have been large beyond all former years. This is to be ascribed to the sovereign grace of God, working by the means of divine appointment, on the more diligent use of which the more abundant blessing is usually bestowed. In no previous years have the labors of our ministry, in preaching the word and offering up prayers, not only in the large and consecrated temples of religion, but from house to house and in other places, been so abundant; no one have the ministers associated together so much in preaching the word, line upon line, and precept upon precept, for several successive days and nights. While the success attending such diligent use of means encourages us to perseverance, in the hope of the continuance of great grace from above, we should not be unmindful of attendant dangers. Among the dangers belonging to such a season of great effort and proportionable success, is that of a too hasty admission to full communion with the Church of those who, it is hoped, will be saved. Although I am confident that the gospel was never more faithfully preached, nor the qualifications for confirmation and the Lord's supper more faithfully set forth, than during the period of which I am speaking, and which I trust will still be continued to us, yet it may not be amiss to warn my brethren of the ministry against the temptation of speaking peace too soon by admitting hastily the newly awakened converts to sealing ordinances. If such do not prove true friends of God and faithful soldiers of Christ, then are they enemies, and the more dangerous because admitted in the guise of friends within the camp. It is not the number but the valor of soldiers which constitutes the strength and effectiveness of an army. Numbers, even of inefficient soldiers, only serve to retard the motions and diminish the power of the brave, and render the defeat more probable. So it is in the Church of God; those who are added to it, without being added by a true conversion to the Lord himself, are likely to prove only dead weights to it. God's ministers have ever found these to be the greatest hinderers to their work. Old and experienced ministers have declared, that while they had often cause to regret giving encouragement to hasty professions of religion, they had never repented of advising a little delay in order to more thorough examination and preparation. The relative positions of the different denominations of christians in our land, and the anxiety to add to their numbers, together with the desire of each

individual minister to increase his own body of communicants, tends much to promote this evil. In times of unusual interest, when the cry from many hearts is "what must I do to be saved," there is the temptation strongest to say too speedily—partake of the ordinance of God's Church, and to add—come and partake of them with us, and join with us in the everlasting covenant and we will do you good. This fear of losing and desire of gaining new converts who are undecided as to the choice of a communion, has probably contributed no little to betray ministers into the error of removing scruples, which, in some cases, had better been encouraged for a time, and to lead some to be more ingenious to persuade the awakened that they are already christians, than faithful to declare what it is to be truly christian.

Against yielding to such temptations I would affectionately warn my brethren.

2dly. Although it be not always necessary to refer to the condition of our High School and Seminary, as the reports of the Principal and Professors exhibit the same, yet as there are some circumstances in relation to them which deserve special consideration at this time, I will briefly present them. Beginning with the High School as being the nursery for the Seminary, I remark, that you will perceive from the report of the Principal a considerable diminution of numbers from those of the two preceding years. This, it is believed, has been chiefly occasioned by the pecuniary embarrassments of the country, which have effected almost every literary institution of the same, and brought some to destruction. I feel it, however, a duty to state as the result of my own observation upon our own Institution, and of the testimony of others, and the history of all high schools, that while there are peculiar excellences attending them when rightly conducted, there are also peculiar and very great difficulties in the way of their right conduct and success; so great indeed that could I have foreseen them all, I should not have had the courage to propose and undertake the enterprise. The entire failure of some of the largest through certain causes, and the partial failure of others under the present pressure, sufficiently show the peculiar difficulties of which I speak. I will briefly allude to two of them. 1st. The expensiveness of them. It being designed to make our school answer for the complete education of the sons of those who are either unable or unwilling to send them to college; there must of course be a larger number of teachers and wider range of studies than in ordinary schools. This cannot be accomplished without considerable expense, and without the employment, as indeed is necessary even in colleges, of some younger instructors. In the High School of Virginia the expense has hitherto been less than in any other in our land, and it is hoped that the Trustees will be able to lessen it yet more, according to a plan submitted to them, and without diminishing the value of the instruction delivered therein. The teachers, who are for the most part the same as at its commencement, have been acquiring knowledge and experience every year, and are believed by those fully competent to judge, to be well qualified for their office, so that as thorough an education may be had under their care as in any other institution within our reach.

2d. I would allude to the difficulty of maintaining that good government, that moral and religious discipline, for which, chiefly, such institutions are established. As all the religious services are conducted according to the worship of our Church, it is not to be expected that many of other denominations will be found among our scholars, and as the morals of all entrusted to it are to be regulated by the principles of our holy religion, it is not to be expected that boys of evil habits and principles will be content long to remain there, even if it were permitted them.

To accommodate the school to the depraved tastes of youth, would be to abandon the very object for which it is designed. The peculiarly Episcopal character of the school and the religious discipline of it are both opposed to its prosperity as to numbers. On both these accounts an appeal is made to those who love their Church, and who love the good government of their children, to sustain the same by supporting the authority of the Institution.

While I thus advert to the difficulties of sustaining an High School according to the principles on which it is established, and to the fact that our own is diminish-

ed in numbers during the past year, I should do it great injustice were I not to state, that, in the most important points, it has, by the blessing of God, fully realized the highest hopes of its friends, and is now an instrument of great usefulness. Although its numbers are diminished, even in that respect, it now exceeds any other in the Church; and there is reason to hope, that it will soon regain as large a number as it may be desirable to have within its walls. As to its moral and religious character, it has never been so good since the first favored year of its existence; while its literary advantages have been improving with the age and learning of the teachers. We think that it may be confidently affirmed, that no institution in our Church or in our country has, in the same period of time, been an instrument, under God, of effecting more good by the instrumentality of faithful religious instruction and discipline. The facts stated in the report and circular of the Principal, are referred to in proof of this; from which will be seen the number of those who have given evidence of a religious change during their residence there, also the number of beneficiaries and sons of clergymen who have, at a very cheap price, received the benefits of its instruction.

Passing from this preparatory school to our Seminary, I may be permitted to call upon the Church to rejoice in the increasing favor it finds with God and man. At the last Convention we stated the important accession to our Professors of the Rev. Dr. Sparrow, and now state the further addition, during the present session, of the Rev. Dr. May, of both of whom it may be confidently affirmed that they have more than fulfilled the expectations entertained of them.

While at no previous period of time has there been such a number of students, so at none has there been so much of the regular observance of all the rules established for the good order of the Seminary, and of diligent attention to all the studies and exercises thereof.

While, however, we thus, with thankfulness to God, speak of its prosperity in these respects, it becomes us faithfully to set before the Church the duty resting upon all its friends, to furnish the pecuniary means, which, from year to year, are needful for its due support.

Our vested capital being utterly insufficient for the support even of the Professors, we depend in a great measure for them as well as for the beneficiaries on annual contributions. The embarrassments of the times and other circumstances have diminished these during the past year, so as to create a considerable deficiency, which, added to a sum due for necessary improvements about the institution, constitute a debt for the discharge of which I have promised to recommend to the Convention a special collection in the churches during our present meeting.

This statement brings me to a subject, which, after much deliberation and consultation, I have determined to present to the consideration of the Convention.

Although the earth is the Lord's and all that therein is, yet has he been pleased to allow this his property to be divided among the inhabitants of this world in different proportions, and to be regarded, in one sense, as their own; with an express understanding, however, that for the use of it they must be accountable to him. In compliance with the plain directions of his word many feel themselves solemnly bound to expend a portion thereof in promoting the welfare of his kingdom upon earth. Some, unable to do what they desire during life, resolve to do it at their death, and their bequests, under certain regulations, have ever been held sacred.

It has long been a matter of grief and complaint that so little favor has been shewn to this right by the Legislature of our State. At different times applications have been made by the trustees of benevolent, religious, and literary institutions, or of particular congregations belonging to the different denominations of christians, asking of the Legislature some protection for property given during life, or bequeathed at death by friends to these several institutions. These applications have, for the most part, been unsuccessful, and the chief reason assigned has been the fear of seeming partiality to the denomination making the request; but the sentiment has been often expressed, that if all the christian societies in the State would unite in a petition for some general act in behalf of all literary, religious, and benevolent institutions, the Legislature would not refuse so reasonable a claim. We are encouraged to hope that such would be the case, from the fact

that, in the session before the last, an act was passed securing to every congregation which might choose to avail itself of the benefit, a portion of ground for a church and parsonage. If it could be shewn to any future Legislature, that an extension of this protecting act to useful institutions is most needful to their well being, we may sure expect a favorable answer to a petition for such.

My thoughts have been especially called to this subject by the fact that since our last meeting the institutions to which I have called your attention have sustained considerable losses through the want of that legal security which is pleaded for. Bequests to the amount of several thousand dollars have been declared to be null and void, only because there was no legislative act empowering our institutions to receive the same. Nor are these the only instances which have occurred. Within the last ten years I am confident we have in this way been deprived of as many thousand dollars, which the benevolence and piety of friends designed for the benefit of institutions which they loved. Such being the complaint, we believe, of all christian societies in our State, may we not hope that they will concur in presenting to the Legislature a respectful request that this subject receive its impartial consideration. May we not indeed hope that after all the applications which have been made, the Legislature will of its own accord adopt some measure of a general character, calculated to afford the desired relief.

The last topic to which I propose to allude, requires but a few words. Since we last met, it has pleased Providence to withdraw from us two of our number. Our beloved brother, Dr. Keith, after a long and painful malady, affecting both body and mind, was removed during the last summer from a world of suffering to one of ease, from a state of hope to that of full fruition. He will not soon be forgotten. The impress of his strong mind and holy spirit has been left on the minds and hearts of many ministers of our Church in this and other lands, who received from his lips a faithful exhibition of those great principles of our religion, without the right understanding and deep feeling of which, it is awful danger to undertake the ministerial office. In the death of the Rev. Mr. Taliaferro, we have also lost a most worthy, faithful, and zealous minister of the gospel. May those who are left behind to labor still longer in the ministry, have grace to follow the example of those who now rest from their labors and whose works do follow them.

Nor must I close without mentioning another loss which not the Church in America only has sustained. In the death of Bishop Griswold the Church of God has been bereaved of one of the most perfect specimens of true piety and heavenly wisdom. Humble, silent, retiring as he was, the knowledge of his worth had found its way far beyond the bounds of our own land. May his pure example be faithfully followed by us all, that with him we may be partakers of the heavenly kingdom. Amen.

WILLIAM MEADE.

NOTE.—From the above report it will appear that between seven and eight hundred persons have been confirmed by me during the past year, which, added to those confirmed by Bishop Johns, make more than one thousand, a number considerably more than double that of preceding years. The number of candidates for the ministry in our Diocese has increased in due proportion, there being now thirty-one on the list, while there are nine more at our High School in the previous stages of preparation for the Seminary.

The Right Rev. Bishop Johns presented and read the following annual address to the Convention :

#### REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT BISHOP.

On the 14th of October, the day succeeding my Consecration, I left Richmond, in company with Bishop Meade, for Lynchburg, and arrived there the evening of the 15th. The next day being Sunday, I preached both morning and night, and also at night on the 17th.

The events of the last few days, my brethren, were well calculated to produce an impression not easily described, and I trust, not soon to be forgotten. Those

solemn services which had introduced me to the untied and eventful responsibilities of the Episcopate, engaging me to a participation in its unceasing cares and varied labors, and that in a field comparatively unknown and amongst a people to whom I came almost as a stranger, were vividly present to my mind. The affecting associations irresistibly suggested by the scenes through which I passed—consecrated in the very church which had so long been blessed by the invaluable pastoral services of the venerable and beloved Bishop whose lamented death furnished the occasion for the proceeding, consecrated on the very spot on which the bier which sustained his mortal remains had rested during the funeral rites; the drapery of mourning still covering the sacred places where he had so often and so earnestly officiated for men in things pertaining to God; surrounded by those whose wounds, not yet healed, were opened afresh by the recollections inseparable from the occasion; then starting to enter upon my duties along the very line of the canal by which the corpse of the good Bishop had been brought home; commencing my services in the very town where his labors ended; preaching my first sermon in the very pulpit in which his pleasant voice proclaimed for the last time the precious gospel which he loved to publish—all these affecting coincidences crowded upon me with inexpressible power. My heart's desire and prayer to God, were, that I might be blessed with the faithful and affectionate spirit with which he served Christ, and honored to aid in sustaining the Church in this Diocese, which he and the beloved friend and brother with whom it is my privilege to be associated had so largely contributed to revive and enlarge. To share in the confidence and affections of the Clergy and Laity, which they enjoyed, to carry out their wise policy, and to partake of their success and reward, is my most ardent desire. And to this end, I earnestly entreat the prayers and co-operation of my brethren in the ministry and of the good people, whose servants, for Christ's sake, we are.

Before I resume the details of my services during the few months which measure my connexion with this Diocese, indulge me in another allusion which I cannot forbear: scarcely had I entered upon the duties of my office, when the lips which gave me my commission were sealed in death. The melancholy feelings of the sudden departure of our venerable presiding Bishop called us all to mourn the sore bereavement which we had experienced by his unexpected removal. Unexpected, for, notwithstanding his age, his erect form and elastic step, as he moved among us, during his recent visit, led us to hope, that his life, so valuable to the Church at large, would be prolonged, yet many days.—We felt it to be a high privilege to have him here; though the grateful intercourse has rendered us but the more deeply sensible of the loss we have sustained. May those who survive this father in God, profit by the wisdom and purity of his instructions and the beautiful humility and holiness of his life, and so follow him as he followed Christ.

My first extra diocesan duty consisted in signifying, as I did most cordially, my consent to the consecration of the worthy brother chosen as the assistant, and now the successor of Bishop Griswold in the Diocese of Massachusetts.

To resume my narrative. On the 18th of Oct., I parted with Bishop Meade, at Lynchburg, and accompanied by the Rev. Mr. Doughen proceeded to St. John's church, Campbell, where I preached and confirmed one person. In the evening we rode to Mr. Pannell's on the Staunton river, where we were kindly received and hospitably entertained.

October 19th, preached at St. Andrew's, Pittsylvania, where we were joined by the Rev. Mr. Dame who has the charge of this congregation, in connexion with those at Competition and Danville. Mr. D. is alone in his ministrations in this extensive county. He is constrained to officiate under the disadvantage of



being cumbered by the duties of an academy from which, mainly, he derives his support. Could he be sustained so as to devote his whole time to the Church, the fruit, judging from the measure of success with which he has been blessed, would be gathered more rapidly and abundantly. In the afternoon we proceeded to the residence of Mr. — Coles, where, at night, I had the opportunity of conducting religious services, and administering the communion to the aged and excellent surviving parent of the extensive family bearing that name.

October 20th, in the morning I preached in the Court House at Competition. In the afternoon, baptized a child of the Hon. Walter Coles. At night, after a sermon by the Rev. Mr. Doughen, I again addressed the congregation.

October 21st, preached in the house of worship occupied by the Methodists and confirmed five persons. The services at Competition were attended with considerable interest. Before I left the town, a subscription paper for the erection of a church, was prepared and circulated by a pious lady, not of our communion, and I was informed that in a few hours a sum was secured sufficient to ensure the accomplishment of the object.

October 22d, 23rd, and 24th, I spent at Danville, preached each day, and on the 23rd confirmed five persons. We were here joined by the Rev. Mr. Grammer, who, together with the Rev. Mr. Doughen, assisted in the services both by reading prayers and preaching. As the new church, which is building here, was not completed, we were indebted to the courtesy of the Presbyterian congregation, who kindly tendered to us the use of their house of worship.

October 25th, proceeded to the vicinity of Meadsville, where, the next day, I preached and confirmed four, two white and two colored persons.

October 27th, reached Halifax Court House. 28th, met with and addressed the communicants at the rector's house. At night, after service and a sermon by the Rev. Mr. Doughen, I addressed the congregation in the church.

October 29th, I preached and confirmed six persons.

October 30th, preached and assisted in administering the communion.

October 31st, consecrated St. Paul's church, Roanoke parish, Halifax and preached.

November 1st, preached at Mount Laurel church, Halifax county, and confirmed two persons. Nov. 2d, preached at Roanoke church, Charlotte county, and confirmed one person. This church, which is now vacant, is in good repair. It is hoped that by uniting it with some adjacent place, and obtaining moderate assistance from the Missionary Society, arrangements may be made for its being regularly opened for divine service.

November 4th, on my way to Boydton, I had the satisfaction of spending the night at Mr. John Nelson's, where I administered the communion to Mrs. Nelson, Senr., and other members of the family.

November 5th, consecrated St. James' church, Boydton, and preached. The Rev. Messrs. Grammer, Locke, F. and E. McGuire were present and assisted in the services. This church is a very neat brick building, substantially constructed, convenient in its general arrangement, and altogether very creditable to the congregation. At night I delivered an address after service and a sermon by the Rev. Mr. Grammer. November 6th, I preached and confirmed twelve persons.

November 7th and 8th, preached each day at the old church, Christiansville and confirmed two persons.

November 9th, preached at St. Andrew's Mecklenburg county; Nov. 10th, at Mr. R. Nelson's, Lunenburg, I confirmed one person who was unable to go to the church.

November 11th and 12th, preached at St. Paul's, Lunenburg, and on the second day confirmed four persons.

November 13th, preached at St. John's, Lunenburg, the first day confirmed three persons; the second day, after sermon, catechised the children.

November 15th, proceeded to Brunswick, and in the afternoon baptized a child of the Rev. Mr. Castleman.

November 16th, preached at Lawrenceville, morning and afternoon; Nov. 17th, preached and confirmed twenty-two, eleven white and eleven colored persons.

November 19th, preached at Saponi church, Dinwiddie; Nov. 20th, preached at the same place and confirmed seventeen, fifteen white and two colored persons.

Since my visit to this church it has been bereaved of the patriarch of the congregation, by the death of the venerable and excellent Mr. Withers. He was a pupil of the Rev. Mr. Jarratt. Through a protracted life, his walk was one of exemplary consistency. His intelligent attachment to the Church, and his efforts for its prosperity will be long had in remembrance. On his tomb may be inscribed with an untrembling hand, "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord; even so, saith the Spirit, for they rest from their labors."

November 21st, passed on to Petersburg, where I preached at night, and the next day reached Richmond; and thus, with much to be thankful for, completed my first visitation.

The lateness of the season rendered it necessary that I should now adopt measures for the immediate removal of my family to the Diocese. Understanding it to be the decided wish of the Convention that I should be located in Richmond, and the members of the church in this City having generously rented a house for our accommodation, we took up our residence here the first week in December.

During my absence in making the arrangements required by my removal, I had the satisfaction of paying a transient visit to each of the parishes with which it has been my privilege to have been connected. At Fredericktown, Md., where I began my ministry and spent its first nine years, I officiated on the evening of the 30th of Nov. Time had made sad changes in the congregation, but my recollection of the kindness which I there experienced, and of the happy days passed there, is unchanged and unalterable. In Christ church, Baltimore, I preached, November 27th, morning and night, and Dec. 4th, at night. In parting with this people, gathered round me during the labors of fourteen years—bound to them as I had become, by all that is endearing in the most pleasant pastoral association, no language can express my feelings. Though separated from them in place and service, they have a hold upon my affections which distance cannot weaken, nor death itself relax. "I can have no greater joy than to hear that they walk in the truth, and continue steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord."

Since my settlement in Richmond, my services have, with the exception of occasional visits to other places, been confined to the city.

December 11th, preached in the Monumental church. Dec. 18th, preached in Christ church in the morning, and in the Monumental at night. Christmas day, preached in the Monumental church. 1843, Jan. 1st, preached in St. James' church. Jan. 8th, preached in St. John's—11th, in the Monumental—15th, in Christ church, in the morning, and confirmed seven persons. In the afternoon, in the Monumental church, and baptized a child of the rector. 22d, in the Monumental, and confirmed sixteen; 25th, preached to a very large and interesting congregation of colored persons in the Baptist church; 27th, preached in St. Paul's, Petersburg, at night; 28th and 29th, preached in St. John's church, City Point, morning and afternoon, and confirmed three persons.

Feb. 6th, preached in St. James' church, Richmond. Feb. 11th and 12th, preached morning and night of each day in Williamsburg—and on the second day confirmed seventeen persons. Feb. 13th, the vestry of the church in Williamsburg,

having lent it for the purpose of having a service for the colored people, I preached at night to a very large and very attentive congregation. Here, as at Lawrville, I found that the attention given by the rector to this class of our community was most encouragingly compensated. Feb. 19th, preached in the Monum church. Feb. 24th, I visited Petersburg. In the evening I participated in the interesting services of the lecture room of St. Paul's church, where I was met by the Rev. Messrs. Berkeley, Massey, A. Smith, and E. McGuire, who had assembled in Petersburg to be present at the consecration of the Missionary church. On the next day I consecrated to the service of Almighty God, by the name of the church, the appropriate building erected for missionary purposes by the members of St. Paul's congregation, Petersburg. The sentence of consecration was by the Rev. Mr. Gibson, who is officiating as the missionary. Morning prayer by the Rev. Mr. Massey, and the sermon by myself.

Grace church is a plain but very neat and commodious building. It cost \$1 and is paid for. The benevolent persons by whom it was erected contribute annually, \$500 for the support of the missionary, whose prospects of usefulness are very encouraging.

At night the Rev. A. Smith preached in St. Paul's, and I followed him with exhortation.

Sunday, Feb. 26th, in the morning, I preached in St. Paul's, and confirmed two persons. In the afternoon, in Grace church, I confirmed seven persons, at night I again preached in St. Paul's.

This visit furnished an opportunity for communicating the proposed plan of soliciting aid for our diocesan institutions on every occasion on which Episcopal services are performed. The beginning was made in Grace church, on the day of its consecration, and yielded \$36 25 in aid of our Diocesan Missionary Society. The next morning I presented the same cause to the congregation of St. Paul's, and was responded to by a contribution of \$76 75. I am happy to say wherever I have since made the experiment, which has always been done without any previous notice, it has been met with liberality.

March 1st, (Ash Wednesday,) I preached at the Monumental church morning and night. March 5th, preached in Christ church in the morning, and St. James at night. 8th, lectured at the Monumental church.

March 11th, at Charlottesville, in the morning, after a sermon, by the Rev. McElroy, gave an exhortation. In the afternoon, by appointment, addressed the Bible Society of the University, in the chapel. At night, preached at the church in Charlottesville. Sunday, 12th, morning—preached, and confirmed three persons, and preached again at night. The collection for the Missionary Society amounted to \$36 57.

I cannot here forbear expressing the satisfaction which I experienced in visits to William and Mary College, and the University of Virginia. The ability and urbanity of the Professors are too well known and too highly appreciated to need my commendation. My reference is particularly to the discipline of those institutions. So far as my opportunity of obtaining information extends, I have reason to believe that both are conducted with a well regulated regular moral character, and are free from any peculiar influence likely to prove unfavorable to the cultivation of piety. On the several occasions on which I officiated, I was pleased to observe a number of the students voluntarily present, and to find a deportment such as to be creditable to themselves and to the institutions with which they were connected.

March 19th, preached at St. James' church, Richmond. 22d, lectured at the Monumental church. 26th, preached at St. John's, in the morning, and at the Monumental at night.

April 1st, left Richmond on my spring visitation. April 2d, preached at Merchant's Hope, Prince George, and confirmed three persons; collection for Missionary Society, \$18 46. April 3d, preached at Brandon church, and confirmed two persons. April 4th, preached in the morning at Surry Court House. Though it rained very hard, the number in attendance was quite encouraging. In the afternoon, I baptized a child of Mr. W. R. Drinkard. April 5th, at Surry chapel—the unfavorableness of the weather prevented many from assembling. Morning service was read by the Rev. T. Smith, after which I addressed those present, under the influence of feelings produced by the dilapidated and deserted condition of the building in which we worshipped. It was once a noble brick structure, and accommodated a large congregation. It is now scarcely fit to be occupied for religious service—left open as a lodging place for those who can find no better shelter, and unless soon attended to, must be desecrated yet more by becoming a stable for the cattle. This is but one of several such buildings in this region, now fast sinking into ruin. It might be supposed that these had been abandoned for other edifices erected in more convenient situations. I would that this were the case; but it is not so. Such is the destitution of religious privileges here, that, as I was over and again informed, there is not a single minister of the gospel, of any denomination, resident in the county. One of the few communicants residing in this district, who, whilst the services were performing, wept tears of joy for the privilege, and of sorrow at the thought that so long a time might elapse before it would be repeated, asked me most anxiously, at parting, if no minister could be sent to them. I gave her my pledge and now look for some young man, who for the love of souls, will go and itinerate through that county, till, by the blessing of God, the scattered members are gathered and the waste places repaired. April 5th, at night, preached at Smithfield; also the next day morning and night; and on the 7th I preached in the morning, and confirmed fourteen persons. In the afternoon I catechised and addressed the children. Collection for the Missionary Society \$23 70, and a gold ring.

April 8th, preached at Chuckatuck, and confirmed four persons—collection \$7 00. At night preached at Suffolk; also the next day, morning and afternoon, and at night lectured at a social meeting in a private house. On the morning of Sunday, (9th,) I confirmed fifteen persons, and preached again on Monday morning. The same evening, (10th,) I preached, and confirmed seven persons, at Portsmouth. The collection here and at Suffolk amounted to \$40.

April 11th, at Norfolk—in the morning preached at St. Paul's and confirmed thirteen—collection \$32. At night preached in Christ church, and confirmed seventeen persons—collection \$142 12. April 12th, preached in the morning at Hampton, and confirmed seven—collection \$11 31. In the afternoon I baptized three children at Fortress Monroe, and at night preached in the garrison. The next morning I confirmed an invalid at his own house. April 13th, started for the Eastern Shore. The weather was so boisterous that the captain considered it best to put back, and I was obliged to return to Norfolk and wait until the following Monday. April 14th, (Good Friday,) I preached in Christ church, Norfolk, morning and night. April 16th, (Easter Sunday,) I preached in Christ church, morning and night. In the afternoon I preached at Portsmouth, and again confirmed there, four more persons being presented by the rector. April 17th, crossed to the Eastern Shore, made new appointments in Northampton as I passed, and by forced stages hastened on to meet my engagements in Accomac. April 18th, at Drummondtown I admitted the Rev. T. W. Winchester to the order of Priests. The sermon was preached by the Rev. J. P. Wilmer. I delivered the address. The Rev. Messrs. Miller, of Norfolk, and Robins, of Snow Hill, together with the Rev. Mr. Wilmer, assisted at the ordination. It was peculiarly gratifying to me

that this, the first act of ordination on my part, was performed in the case of one with whom I became acquainted when he was a youth in the Sunday school of my church in Baltimore—whom I had admitted to the communion and guided in his course to the ministry. May his usefulness fully answer the expectations which his friends have felt authorized to form.

In the afternoon I preached at Drummondtown—collection \$13 87. At night I lectured in a private house at Onancock.

April 19th, in the morning I preached at Pungoteague, and at night at Eastville. April 20th, in the morning I preached at Eastville again, and confirmed fourteen. Collection \$23. In the afternoon I recrossed the bay to Norfolk.

April 21st, preached at Donation church, Princess Ann, and confirmed thirteen. Collection \$6 06.

The congregation worshipping in Donation, have procured a suitable lot at Kempsville, and provided the means for erecting a new church, which, it is expected, will be ready for consecration in the ensuing fall. Their present rector, though disabled for preaching, has labored very effectually from house to house. May his health be soon restored and his usefulness enlarged.

April 22d, I took the James River boat from Norfolk to the Grove, and crossed by Yorktown to Gloucester.

April 23d, preached in Ware church, and confirmed nine persons. Collection \$20. April 24th, preached at the same place, and baptized two children. April 25th, consecrated Christ church, Matthews county, and confirmed one person. This is a very neat brick church, beautifully situated on the bank of East river. It was built, mainly, by the exertions and liberality of a christian lady, and was scarcely completed when she was removed from the house on earth to which her cares and toil had been given, to the building of God, and its rest and joy in a better world. Her modest grave, near the door of the church, needs no sculptured marble to record her work of faith and labor of love. The church itself is her memorial, and whilst it stands, those who there enjoy the privileges of the gospel cannot forget to call her blessed.

April 26th, preached in Abingdon church, Gloucester. In the afternoon, crossed York river, accompanied by the Rev. Mr. Mann, and preached that night at Williamsburg.

April 27th, returned to Richmond, having completed my spring visitation. April 30th, preached in St. James' church, Richmond.

May 7th, preached in St. John's, and confirmed seven persons. Collection \$34 84. Sunday, May 14th, I attended the Anniversary meeting of our Richmond Sunday schools in St. John's church, assisted the rector in the morning service, and after a very judicious sermon delivered by him, addressed the congregation in reference to the special objects of the meeting. In the afternoon, I preached in St. James' church, and confirmed twelve persons—eleven whites and one colored.

Summary of Episcopal services from October 13th, 1842, to May 17th, 1843. Confirmations, 302: Baptisms, 9: Churches consecrated, 3: Admitted to Priests' Orders, 1. The collections for the cause of Diocesan Missions, \$517.

So far, my brethren, as my visitations have extended, I have been strongly impressed with the conviction, that there is yet much, very much for us to do in this Diocese. Prejudices with which the Church once had to contend are rapidly giving away; and a decidedly favorable feeling is beginning to prevail. A wide and effectual door is opening to us, under God. I ascribe this largely to the meekness and moderation which have marked the policy of the bishops and

clergy, to the plainness, simplicity, and affection with which the gospel has been preached, and to the consequent and evident increase of piety on the part of those who confess and call themselves christians. The silent but steady effect of this has been to disabuse the minds of many who were alienated from us, and to dispose them to appreciate what we regard as the distinctive excellences of our Zion. No furious zeal, or controversial strife, or disdainful sharpness of wit, could have accomplished like results. If we only persevere as you have hitherto proceeded, I confidently believe that our sphere of usefulness will be limited only by the number of ministers we can procure, and the amount of our means to sustain them in their work. With men—and, I trust, of the right stamp—our promising Seminary, we may hope, will furnish an increasing supply. Let us then fervently pray the Lord of the harvest, that from this and other similar sources, he would send forth more laborers. And, as for the means, I am persuaded, from the experiment which I have made, that if we appeal intelligently and confidently to our people, they will not suffer the missionary operations to be straitened for want of resources. They love their own spiritual privileges too dearly not to sympathise with the destitute, and if need be, make sacrifices to provide for their supply.

I cannot close this report without expressing the pleasure which I have experienced in discovering, both on the part of the clergy and laity, in many places, a growing concern for the religious instruction of our colored population. In different parts of the Diocese, the owners of slaves have manifested a strong solicitude on this important subject, and have declared their readiness to further any plan which we may devise for the promotion of an object so desirable. Wherever our ministers have been able to appropriate a portion of their time to this work of mercy and justice, they have found the result surpassing their expectations. In my Episcopal services, I know not that I have experienced more satisfaction, than when, as in one instance reported, I have been called upon to confirm not less than eleven persons of color. These first fruits should encourage us to meditate more abundant labor in this portion of the field assigned us; knowing that such labor will not be in vain in the Lord.

In conclusion, permit me to acknowledge the good providence of God in connexion with the imperfect services which I have been enabled to perform, and to tender my thanks to the kind friends in the several parishes which I have visited, for the christian courtesy which it has been my privilege to receive.

J. JOHNS.

The reading of the Parochial reports being called for, the Rev. Mr. Wilmer, of Northampton, objected to the mode hitherto pursued, and moved a suspension of the Rule which requires the reading of the reports. Motion lost—two-thirds not having voted in the affirmative.

The Parochial reports were then read.

The following Standing Committees were announced by the Rt. Rev. President:

*Committee on the State of the Church.*—Clergy—Rev. Mr. Grammer, Dr. Cobbs, Dr. Sparrow, Dr. McGuire, Mr. Mann, Mr. Wingfield, and Mr. Atkinson; Laity—Messrs. Chowning, May, Thos. Nelson, and Philip Williams.

*Committee on Parochial Reports.*—Rev. Messrs. Beall, Hodges, and Slaughter.

*Committee on Episcopal Fund.*—Rev. Messrs. Dana and W. G. H. Jones; and Messrs. Lee and Pollock.

*Committee on the Fund for the support of Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen.*—Rev. Messrs. J. P. McGuire, Ward, and Wm. M. Jackson.

*Committee on the Accounts of the Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Society.*—Rev. Messrs. C. W. Andrews and R. H. Wilmer; and Mr. J. B. Sheldon.

*Committee on Finance.*—Messrs. Wm. Williams, Cunningham, Pegram, and Crenshaw.

*Committee on the Admission of New Parishes.*—Messrs. Bowers and Sale, of the Clergy; and Col. Carrington and Roger B. Atkinson, of the Laity.

Rev. James McElroy appeared and took his seat in Convention.

Rev. Mr. Dana read the minutes of the proceedings of the Standing Committee for the past year.

Rev. Mr. Woodbridge read the following report of the Diocesan Missionary Society:

*Report of the Executive Committee of the Protestant Episcopal Association for the Promotion of Christianity in Virginia, for the year ending May, 1843.*

The Executive Committee of the Protestant Episcopal Association for the promotion of Christianity in Virginia, respectfully report: That they have, during the past year, appropriated to the Rev. Mr. Harrison, at Wellburg, two hundred dollars; to the Rev. Mr. Brown, (at that time officiating in Rappahannock,) two hundred dollars; to the Rev. Mr. Wheeler, in Jackson county, one hundred and fifty dollars; to the Rev. Mr. Dame, in Danville, two hundred dollars; to the Rev. Mr. Rooker, in Middlesex, one hundred and fifty dollars; to the Rev. Mr. Goodwin, at Point Pleasant, one hundred dollars; to the Rev. Mr. McGuire, in Sussex and Greenville, one hundred and fifty dollars; to the Rev. Mr. Tompkins, in Campbell, one hundred dollars; to the Rev. Mr. Gibson, in Petersburg, one hundred and fifty dollars.

It will be observed that they have paid to their Missionaries this year, one thousand four hundred dollars. The necessities of the Diocese will probably require a larger amount during the ensuing year. For there has never been a period when so fair an opportunity was presented for planting the Church in this Diocese, as the present. Unless the Diocese will sustain the society by large and generous contributions, far greater than they have ever given, it must withdraw its assistance from parishes where the Church without such aid cannot sustain itself. The next year, larger appropriations from the Committee will be needed, and if men could be obtained, two thousand five hundred dollars might be advantageously devoted to this object. It remains with this Convention to decide whether the Society shall efficiently prosecute the work assigned to it, or whether it shall be suffered to decline and languish.

A much larger amount than usual was this last year paid into the treasury. About twenty years since, several pious ladies belonging then to the Monumental church, formed a Sewing Society, the proceeds of which were to be devoted to missionary objects. The money which was not appropriated, was put out to interest, and for the last ten or fifteen years has been accumulating in that way. One of the last acts of the late lamented Bishop Moore was to direct this money to be paid to the Treasurer of our Society. No such accession can be expected for the future, and the Society, therefore, must depend upon the voluntary donations of the parishes.

At the request of the Executive Committee, the Assistant Bishop has consented to take up collections, in aid of this Society, wherever he performs Episcopal duty, and so favorably has the plan been received, and so efficiently has it operated, that he has paid into the Treasury of the Society since the first of February, nearly six hundred dollars.

All which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. WOODBRIDGE, *Sec. of the Ex. Com.*

Rev. Mr. Woodbridge presented the account of the Treasurer of the "Fund for the Relief of Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen."

Mr. R. B. Atkinson reported the following Lay Delegates as entitled to seats in this Convention, who appeared and took their seats accordingly, viz: F. K. Nelson, Edward S. Wright, and Robert Wood.

Rev. Dr. Empie moved a reconsideration of the resolution of yesterday relative to the hour of assembling for business, which motion being carried in the affirmative, the resolution of yesterday appointing 9 A. M. as the hour for divine service, was repealed.

On motion, the hour of 9 A. M. for the transaction of Convention business was then determined on, and the Convention adjourned to meet the following day at said hour.

FRIDAY, MAY 19, 1843.

The Convention assembled agreeably to adjournment at 9 o'clock, A. M., and was opened with prayer, by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Johns.

Mr. Philip Williams offered the following :

*Resolved*, That so much of the presiding Bishop's Address as relates to an application to the Legislature of this State, for an act to enable Religious and Benevolent Institutions to receive bequests of money, &c., be referred to a special committee ; which being unanimously concurred in, the following gentlemen were appointed a committee to report thereon—viz.

Messrs. P. Williams, W. H. McFarland, P. Bolling, Rev. J. Grammer, and Rev. T. Atkinson.

Mr. Mallory M. Todd, Lay Delegate from Chuckatuck church, Nansemond parish ; and Mr. John R. Bryant, Lay Delegate from Abingdon and Ware parishes, Gloucester, presented their certificates and were admitted to seats in the Convention.

Rev. Mr. Bowers from the committee on admission of new Parishes, submitted the two following reports, viz. :

The committee on new parishes respectfully report,

That the applications of Grace church, Petersburg ; Grace church, Genito parish, Powhatan ; and Hanover parish, King George, for admission into connexion with this Convention, comply with the requisitions of the Canon, and the committee, therefore, recommend that they be received.

On consideration of the above, and for reasons stated in convention, the application from Hanover parish was, for the present, withdrawn, and the report in reference to the two first named parishes adopted

The application from St. John's church, Louisa county, appears to be deficient in not complying with that part of the 12th Canon which requires the original subscriptions of the vestry to be produced and connected with the test contained in the 10th Canon ; though the committee have the testimony of the reverend gentleman presenting the petition, that a vestry of six persons has been elected, and that four of them have subscribed the prescribed form.

The committee reluctant to recommend this application with its present defect, would submit it to the decision of the Convention.

On consideration of this part of the report in convention,

The motion to receive said parish was decided in the negative.

The following report, submitted by Mr. P. Williams, and, as subsequently considered and amended, was adopted.

The committee to whom was referred so much of the address of the Rt. Rev. Bishop Meade, as relates to the propriety of requesting some legislative enactment in relation to property given or bequeathed to religious, benevolent and literary institutions was referred, respectfully report : That it is expedient to ask the Legislature to pass some law authorizing religious, benevolent and literary institutions to take property which may be given, or devised, or bequeathed to them, and that a committee of nine, with power to increase its numbers, be appointed to prepare and present a memorial to the General Assembly upon the subject ; and that this committee be authorized to solicit the co-operation of other religious denominations in the way best calculated to secure the object proposed.

Mr. Thomas Meaux, Lay Delegate from Grace church, Powhatan, and Mr. Joseph Hurst, Lay Delegate from Grace church, Petersburg, presented their certificates and were admitted to seats in this Convention.

Mr. Wm. H. McFarland offered the following, which was concurred in.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to report to the Convention the al-



lowance proper to be made to the Bishops of this Diocese, and upon the mode of raising the necessary funds.

Whereupon the following named gentlemen were appointed said committee.

Messrs. W. H. McFarland, David May, Wm. Pollock, Nelson Page, Cassius F. Lee, Edward S. Pegram, and Philip Williams of the Laity; and Rev. Dr. McGuire and Rev. Mr. Grammer of the Clergy.

On motion—*Ordered*, That when the Convention adjourns, it adjourns to meet again in the Lecture room attached to this church.

Rev. Aristides Smith asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Robert Giliam for the remainder of the Session.

The following report was presented and accepted:

The committee to whom were referred the Parochial Reports, beg leave to say that they have performed the duty assigned them to the best of their ability. They have examined each report separately, and made such alterations as they thought advisable, previous to their being embodied in the Journal.

UPTON BEALL,  
W. HODGES.

The Convention adjourned to meet again to-morrow, at 9 o'clock, A. M., in the Lecture room.

## SATURDAY, MAY 20, 1843.

The Convention met agreeably to adjournment.

Rev. Mr. Dana submitted the following:

The committee on the Episcopal Fund, have received from one of the Wardens of Christ Church, Alexandria, D. C., the following statement which they present to the Convention, as exhibiting the present condition of the said Fund.

CHARLES B. DANA, *Chairman*.

*Alexandria, May 14th, 1843.*

Horatio Claggett, one of the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund, being absent, it devolves on the undersigned to report that, since the last Convention they have purchased with the dividends of the Bank of Potomac, and the Farmers Bank of Alexandria, six Shares of the Stock of the last named Bank, making the number of Shares now held in the Farmer's Bank 114, the par value \$5,700

The number of Shares in the Bank of Potomac is 9, the par value 900

Cash in hand unemployed 18

Amount of available Funds in hand	\$6,600	18
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Nine Shares in the Bank of Alexandria, par	1,800	00
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	\$8,400	18
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No dividend has, as yet, been received from the Bank of Alexandria.

EDMUND J. LEE.

Mr. Festus Dickinson, Lay Delegate from Grace church, Caroline county, presented his certificate of election and was admitted to a seat in this Convention.

Rev. R. H. Wilmer submitted the following:

The Committee upon the accounts of the "Protestant Episcopal Association for the promotion of Christianity in Virginia," would respectfully report: That they have examined the same, and found them correct.

RICH'D H. WILMER,  
CHAS. W. ANDREWS,  
JACOB C. SHELDON.

*Protestant Episcopal Association for the promotion of Christianity in Virginia, in account with William Williams, Treasurer.*

		Dr.	
21.	To cash paid F. S. Smith, treasurer of church at Lexington, for Rev. Wm. Bryant, - - - - -	\$150	00
	To cash paid do. this amount contributed by Trinity church, Staunton, for church at Lexington, - - - - -	17	75
11.	To cash remitted Rev. R. T. Brown, Sperryville, Rappahannock, - - - - -	200	00
	To cash remitted Rev. A. Wheeler, Springfield, Jefferson county, Ohio, Missionary in Jackson county, Va., - - - - -	150	00
	To cash remitted Rev. Joshua L. Harrison, Wellsburg, - - - - -	200	00
15.	To cash remitted Rev. C. J. Gibson, Petersburg, - - - - -	50	00
22.	To cash remitted Rev. G. W. Dame, Danville, - - - - -	200	00
	To cash remitted Rev. J. B. Goodwin, Gallipolis, - - - - -	100	00
	To cash remitted Rev. W. Y. Rooker, Matthews Court House, - - - - -	150	00
11.	To cash remitted Rev. E. C. McGuire, for his son, Rev. E. B. McGuire, Missionary in Sussex and Greenville, - - - - -	150	00
3.			
10.	To cash paid expenses of Rev. Mr. Kohler to Richmond, to make arrangements for organizing a German congregation, and back to Maryland, - - - - -	44	20
9.	To cash remitted Rev. S. D. Tompkins, Pigeon Run, Campbell county, - - - - -	100	00
14.	To cash remitted Rev. C. J. Gibson, Petersburg, - - - - -	100	00
16.	To balance due the Association, - - - - -	865	22
		<u>\$2,477</u>	<u>17</u>

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14.	By balance in hand per account rendered at Convention in Staunton, - - - - -	\$94	88
18.	By cash from Mrs. Lucy Marshall, Warren county, - - - - -	5	00
	By cash from St. James' church, Southam, Powhatan, - - - - -	6	00
	By cash from Rev. J. C. Clarke, Halifax county, - - - - -	30	00
	By cash from a friend in Lexington, per Rev. Mr. Lippitt, - - - - -	5	00
	By cash from West Russell parish, Bedford county, - - - - -	8	00
	By cash from Walker's church, Albemarle county, - - - - -	5	00
	By cash from Mrs. Parham, Sussex county, - - - - -	5	00
	By cash from Mrs. C. Turnbull, Lawrenceville, - - - - -	3	00
	By cash from Mr. J. L. Withers, Brunswick county, - - - - -	24	00
	By cash from Mrs. E. Withers, Dinwiddie county, - - - - -	1	00
	By cash from Mrs. Bland, Prince George county, - - - - -	1	00
	By cash from Lyttleton parish, Cumberland county, - - - - -	9	25
	By cash from St. James' parish, Culpeper county, - - - - -	10	00
	By cash from St. Stephen's church, do. - - - - -	2	00
	By cash from Christ church, Alexandria, - - - - -	17	00
	By cash from Cumberland parish, Lunenburg county, - - - - -	8	50
	By cash from a few members of Trinity church, Portsmouth, - - - - -	5	00
	By cash from Mr. Cassius F. Lee, Alexandria, - - - - -	10	00
	By cash from Mr. Wm. B. Harrison, Brandon, - - - - -	20	00
	By cash from Trinity church, Staunton, for Christ church at Lexington, - - - - -	17	75
	By cash from a lady of Meade parish, Loudon county, - - - - -	2	50
	By cash from Rt. Rev. Bishop Meade, - - - - -	100	00
8.	By cash from the Ladies' Missionary Society of the Monumental church, Richmond, - - - - -	988	54
9.	By cash from Dr. J. A. Marshall, per Rev. Geo. Lemon, - - - - -	10	00
22.	By cash from King William and St. James parishes, Powhatan, - - - - -	20	00
23.	By cash from Lewis Berkeley, Loudon county, per Rev. Mr. Adie, - - - - -	20	00
	By cash from Miss Lucy Fontaine, do. do. - - - - -	5	00
17.	By cash from little children of Bruton parish, Williamsburg, - - - - -	40	00
27.	By cash from Mrs. Elvira A. Bruce, per Rev. John Grammer, - - - - -	100	00
	By cash from Miss Ellen C. Bruce, do. - - - - -	100	00
	By cash from Miss Sarah Bruce, do. - - - - -	50	00
15.	By cash from City Saving's bank, for interest, - - - - -	2	53
16.	By cash from Miss Ann Miller, per Rev. S. Tompkins - - - - -	3	00
1.	By cash from two ladies of St. Paul's church, Petersburg, - - - - -	6	00
		<u>\$1,794</u>	<u>95</u>

*Amount carried forward.*

1849.	<i>Amount brought forward.</i>				\$1,724 1
Oct. 22.	By cash from City Saving's bank, for interest,	-	-	-	2 0
	By cash, as interest on State stock,	-	-	-	6 0
24.	By cash from a lady of Dale parish,	-	-	-	11 2
	By cash from G. W. Bassett, Esq.,	-	-	-	10 0
Nov. 10.	By cash from Mr. Robert Gilliam, Prince George county,	-	-	-	1 0
	By cash from Rev. Malcolm McFarland,	-	-	-	1 0
16.	By cash, weekly offerings of St. George church, Fredericksburg,	-	-	-	20 0
23.	By cash from Mrs. Mary Jackson for church in Wellaburg,	-	-	-	5 0
	By cash from several friends for same,	-	-	-	5 0
Dec. 12.	By cash from Dr. James Bolton, Richmond,	-	-	-	2 5
15.	By cash from Miss Emily Hutton, Russell parish, Bedford,	-	-	-	10 0
	By cash from "Anonymous," Russell parish, Bedford,	-	-	-	1 8
27.	By cash from Christmas collection, St. Paul's church, Petersburg,	-	-	-	40 0
1843.					
Jan. 12.	By cash, interest on State stock,	-	-	-	15 0
Feb. 1.	By cash from St. John's church, City Point,	-	-	-	3 0
8.	By cash \$4, per share profit on five shares State stock, sold,	-	-	-	20 0
11.	By cash from Dr. J. A. Marshall, Fauquier county,	-	-	-	10 0
22.	By cash from Peterville church, per Rev. Mr. Massey,	-	-	-	21 3
March 4.	By cash from collection by Bishop Johns, in Grace church, Petersburg,	-	-	-	36 5
	By cash from do do in St. Paul's church do	-	-	-	76 7
	By cash from do do in Frederickville parish, Char-	-	-	-	30 8
April 3.	By cash from Mrs. Eliza Marshall, Fauquier county,	-	-	-	10 0
4.	By cash from Magdalen Allen, Russell parish, Bedford,	-	-	-	2 5
	By cash from Mrs. Steptoe, do do	-	-	-	5 0
	By cash from Mrs. Burwell, do do	-	-	-	1 0
	By cash from Mrs. Sale, do do	-	-	-	1 5
	By cash from Mrs. Wingfield, do do	-	-	-	2 0
	By cash from Mrs. Donal, do do	-	-	-	2 5
	By cash from Mrs. Wilson, do do	-	-	-	1 0
	By cash from A friend, do do	-	-	-	5 0
	By cash from collection by Miss Mary Henry, do	-	-	-	7 0
	By cash from half proceeds box of jewelry, do	-	-	-	1 0
14.	By cash from interest from City Saving's bank,	-	-	-	2 0
26.	By cash from Rev E. C. McGuire, being weekly offerings of St. George's church, Fredericksburg,	-	-	-	28 5
May 8.	By cash from St. Paul's, Goochland, by Rev. R. H. Wilmer,	-	-	-	5 0
16.	By cash from collections by Bishop Johns, viz:				
	At Merchant's Hope,	-	-	\$18 46	
	At Smithfield,	-	-	23 70	
	At Chuckatuck,	-	-	7 00	
	At Suffolk and Portsmouth,	-	-	40 00	
	At St. Paul's, Norfolk,	-	-	33 00	
	At Christ church, Norfolk,*	-	-	125 00	
	At Hampton,	-	-	11 31	
	At Christ church, Eastville,	-	-	23 00	
	At Donation church,	-	-	6 06	
	At Ware church,	-	-	20 00	
	At St. James', Accomac,	-	-	13 87	
	At St. John's church, Richmond,	-	-	34 84	

365 24

\$2,477 17

By balance due the Association,

9863 00

E. E.

WM WILLIAMS, Treasurer.

RICHMOND, May 16th, 1843.

Mr. Pegram, from the Committee on Finance, submitted a list of delinquent parishes to the contingent fund, upon which a conversation ensued in reference

\* This collection was reported to the treasurer by Bishop Johns, who requested that it might be included in this account, though the money has not been received by the treasurer.

to the basis upon which said contributions should be made, whereupon the following resolution, offered by Mr. P. Williams, was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the contributions from the respective parishes to the contingent fund, shall be according to the number reported to each Convention, at which the payment is requested to be made.

Mr. W. H. McFarland, from the Special Committee, submitted the following:

*The Committee appointed to inquire into the allowance proper for the Bishops of the Diocese, and the mode of raising the necessary funds, respectfully report:*

That the limited funds at the disposition of the Convention, do not admit of the provision which, if at liberty to choose, the Committee would regard as proper and suited to the exalted stations and invaluable services of the Bishops. Their compensation ought to be fixed at a sum beyond what would suffice to meet the necessary expenses of themselves and families; if for no other reason, because their conspicuous position in the Church involves expenditures not easily estimated, nor to be avoided. But, unfortunately, the present resources of the Convention create a necessity for limiting salaries to a scale of economy which yields nothing to liberality, if it be not too rigid to be just. The Committee express the hope that a better state of things may be expected from the growth of the Church, and the prevalence of stronger feelings of benevolence and charity among all her members; and that before long, all who minister at her altars, Bishop, Priest, and Deacon, will find the people willing as they are able adequately to provide for them.

The Committee recommend that the salary of Bishop Meade be continued at one thousand dollars; and the salary of Bishop Johns be fixed at two thousand dollars.

In limiting the salary of Bishop Johns at that sum, the Committee was controlled by the consideration that the congregations in the city of Richmond may be relied on to provide him with a house. That, as it seemed to the Committee, was a return which might be expected of their liberality for the large share of his ministrations with which they are favored.

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer of the Convention pay to the Rt. Rev. William Meade, one thousand dollars, for his salary for the year commencing on the 1st May, 1843.

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer of the Convention pay to the Rt. Rev. John Johns, two thousand dollars, for his salary for the year commencing on the 1st May, 1843.

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer apply to the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund, for the current year's interest on that fund, the Convention hereby undertaking to return the amount paid over when the finances of the Convention will admit of it.

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer apply to such of the parishes as are in arrears, for the payment of the assessments now due, for the sums due from them respectively.

The Convention took a recess in order to attend divine service, after which it re-assembled. Rt. Rev. Bishop Johns in the Chair.

Mr. P. Williams availed himself of the absence of the presiding Bishop, to offer the following:

*Resolved*, That this Convention have perceived with deep regret, the continued indisposition of our Bishop, aggravated, we believe, by the laborious discharge of his Episcopal duties; we therefore respectfully but earnestly request him to suspend his labors for a time, in the hope that his health and strength may thus be restored.

Rev. Mr. Ward presented the following:

The Committee to whom was referred the Widows and Orphans Fund, have examined the following report of the Trustees of the said fund, and find it to be correct.

There are bonds in the hands of the Trustees amounting to about two thousand dollars, from one of which there never has been any interest received, from another, none since the year 1838 and from another, (the largest) the last quota of interest has not been paid. Your Committee

would recommend that all bonds not paying interest regularly, be collected; and also, that all bank stock held by the Society, be sold as soon as the Trustees shall deem it expedient, and the proceeds be invested in State stocks. Respectfully submitted.

JNO. P. McGUIRE,  
WM. N. WARD,  
WM. M. JACKSON.

*The Trustees of the Fund for the Relief of the Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen in the Diocese of Virginia, report :*

That the fund consists of—

147 shares stock of Farmer's Bank of Alexandria, at par,	-	-	-	\$7,350 00
4 do do of Bank of Potomac	do	-	-	400 00
1 do do of Bank of Virginia	do	-	-	100 00
Bond dated 29th April, 1833,	-	-	-	1,600 00
Note on demand, dated 20th April, 1841,	-	-	-	200 00
Do do dated 2d do do	-	-	-	273 50
Note due 5th Sept., 1833, and protested,	-	-	-	\$600 00
Since paid,	-	-	-	250 00
				<u>350 00</u>
				<u>\$10,273 50</u>

And five shares stock in Bank of Alexandria, at par, one thousand dollars, believed to be lost, the bank having suspended many years ago.

That there have been received since last Convention—

Dividends on stock in Farmer's Bank of Alexandria,	-	-	-	\$367 50
Do on stock in Bank of Potomac,	-	-	-	8 00
Interest on bond for \$1,600 to 29th October, 1842,	-	-	-	96 00
Dividends on stock in Bank of Virginia, from July, 1839, to 1st January, 1843,	-	-	-	15 75
Premium on specie received for dividends in Alexandria,	-	-	-	3 87
				<u>\$491 12</u>

Which amount of four hundred and ninety-one dollars and twelve cents, has been paid over to the Society for the Relief of the Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen in the Diocese of Virginia, in conformity to a resolution of the Convention of 1837.

No interest has ever been paid on the notes for two hundred dollars and two hundred seventy-three dollars and fifty cents. On the note for six hundred dollars, interest has been paid to 5th May, 1835, and none since.

With the exception of the one share stock in Bank of Virginia, which has been transferred to the present Treasurer, the fund still remains under the care of Mr. John Hooff, of Alexandria, late Treasurer, for the convenience of collecting the interest and dividends, to whose communication the Trustees respectfully refer the Convention for further information.

Soon after the last Convention, the Trustees resolved, if possible, to sell the bank stock, and collect the money loaned out, in order to invest the whole fund in Virginia State stock, then selling at ten and twelve per cent. below par, and since that, much lower. In this attempt they were unsuccessful, for reasons which will appear in the correspondence herewith submitted.

They now ask instructions from the Convention, to guide them in their future management of the fund with which they are entrusted.

All which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM WILLIAMS, *Treasurer and Trustee.*  
WILLIAM H. HUBBARD, *Trustee.*  
THOMAS NELSON, *Trustee.*

Rev. Mr. Grammer presented the following report from the Committee on the State of the Church :

The Committee on the State of the Church would respectfully report: That the aspect in which the Church in our Diocese is represented by the addresses of our bishops, and the reports from the several parishes, exhibit an advancement far exceeding any that has been known during any previous year in our history. The number of those who have taken upon themselves the solemn vows which were made in their behalf in baptism, and who have consequently been admitted to the highest privileges of the visible Church; the number of young men now in the course of pre-

paration for the work of the ministry; the number of new congregations organized, and of new churches consecrated for divine services, and in the progress of erection; the increasing demands upon our Diocesan missionary association for aid in sustaining new parishes, and in supplying destitute places; and the growing attention to the spiritual wants of that portion of our population which has been so long neglected and which so greatly needs religious instruction;—these circumstances furnish most cheering and conclusive evidence not only of the enlargement of our borders, but of a deepening tone of christian sensibility. This last fact, especially, affords a most encouraging indication of a decided improvement in the spiritual condition of our Church, inasmuch as it evinces, on the part both of ministers and masters, an awakening sense of the inestimable worth of immortal souls, and of the importance and sufficiency of that salvation which the Lord of all has graciously provided for the bond as well as for the free.

Your Committee, therefore, by referring to all the sources from which they might draw information relative to the appropriate objects of their inquiry, and after duly considering the several subjects which bear upon the prospects of the Church, find nothing which requires to be presented to your notice, save only the high obligation we are under to the great Head of the Church, for the rich blessings he has bestowed upon us. God has indeed blessed us, probably above what our dulness had hoped for, and at least, beyond what we had faith to expect. And while we are called upon imperatively to shew forth our gratitude, not only with our lips but in our lives, it especially becomes us to remember that a season of prosperity is a state of trial and danger. If we would avoid a forfeiture of such blessings, and secure the continuance of the divine favor, we must humbly and diligently endeavor not only to persevere, but to increase in those efforts through the instrumentality of which we have been so highly benefitted. As it has been by laboring to set forth the great doctrines and principles of revelation as they are so admirably condensed and embodied in the articles and formularies of our Church;—by cherishing a spirit of devotion and zeal, of benevolence and peace;—following out with faithfulness our own principles without uncharitably reflecting on those of others who might differ from us;—promoting the great design of the gospel by sustaining those institutions which, as subordinate agencies, are the means for continuing the Church, and spreading the knowledge of salvation;—as it has been by this course that we have obtained the blessings of our present prosperity, it is only by continuing in the same, that we can hope to be still further prospered.

The election of the Standing Committee of the Diocese being called for, took place, and resulted in the election of the following gentlemen, viz: Rev. Messrs. E. R. Lippitt, C. B. Dana, Dr. Sparrow, and Messrs. Ed. I. Lee, Jno. Hooff, Dr. Orlando Fairfax.

Rev. J. P. McGuire nominated the following named gentlemen as the Executive Committee of the "Protestant Episcopal Association for the Promotion of Christianity in the Diocese of Virginia," viz: Rt. Rev. William Meade, Rt. Rev. John Johns, Rev. Dr. Empie, Rev. William Norwood, Rev. Dr. Cobbs, Rev. George Woodbridge, Secretary, Mr. William Williams, Treasurer. Concurred in.

Rev. Mr. Grammer proposed the re-adoption of the original title of the above named society, and that it be hereafter known and distinguished as the "Diocesan Missionary Society of Virginia." Concurred.

The Rev. Mr. Dana presented and read to the Convention the following report of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary. &c., together with the accompanying reports of the Faculty:

#### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

In reporting last year upon the condition of the Seminary, all the statements which we were called upon to make were, with one exception, pleasant to ourselves and to the members of the Convention: we had then to take notice of the absence of the Rev. Dr. Keith from the corps of Instructors. We begin our report to this Convention by recording with feelings of the truest sorrow, that that holy and gifted man has since been taken from us. To say what our feelings might well prompt us to say on the occasion, is unnecessary. A large proportion of the younger clergy now present are witnesses, in their spirit and usefulness, to his great worth as a christian, a minister of the gospel, and a professor of Theology; and were they called upon to speak in our stead, would do so with the utmost sincerity and earnestness. It is needless to say more, than that having been the first officer of the Institution committed to our care, and having continued in it uninterruptedly to the end, a most faithful and efficient teacher of the great doctrines of the cross, his death was regarded by all connected with the Seminary as a deep affliction, though alleviated by the conviction that what was loss to us, was unspeakable gain to him.

It is a subject of thankfulness, that, in recording this bereavement, we are still enabled, th the good providence of God, to record the continued prosperity of the Seminary. During th year the Rev. Dr. May has been added to the Faculty, in consequence of the transfer of the Dr Sparrow to the chair formerly occupied by Dr. Keith, and the resignation of the Rev fessor Lippitt, and the exclusive devotion of his valuable time and energies to the editing "Southern Churchman."

The talents, piety, and success of Dr. May in the discharge of parochial duties, together the enjoyment of his services since the commencement of the present session, give us full ass that our choice has been wisely made, and that great good may be expected from it to the nary and the Church.

It is proper also to mention, that during the Spring the Senior Class in the Seminary has r the instructions of our Bi-shop in the department of Pastoral Theology. Such is our convi as well as that of the professors and students, of the importance of this arrangement, th earnestly hope our Diocesan may find time and strength to continue his instructions for years to come.

From the reports of the Professors, which are appended, and from observation made pers by some of our number, it is evident: that great industry in their studies, a fraternal feeling a themselves, and, we hope and believe, a true spirit of piety in their hearts, characterize the body of the young men who are members of our Theological Institution. And if the fi use of means gives any assurance that we are not mistaken, and that we may hope for th tinuance of the present prosperous state of things, we think that has been furnished b Professors.

But we feel most deeply ourselves, and would fain have others to feel, that here, more th any department of Ecclesiastical operations, our dependence should be ceaseless, ea and direct upon the presence and aid of the good Spirit of our God. The Spirit should b sent in larger measure, and greater power, in the "Schools of the Prophets," than in any place. They are, without exception, the highest and most abundant fountains of influence. Church of God, which are to be found upon the earth. It is mentioned here, however, onl it may be urged upon all the friends of our Blessed Saviour, and his holy cause, that in approaches to a throne of grace they may bear the interests of the Seminary on their hearts the Lord. We have great confidence in prayer. By this, we believe, has been called dow blessing which has carried our humble beginnings to their present height of prosperity chiefly upon the use of the same divinely appointed means would we depend in all future In our capacity, therefore, of Trustees and Guardians of this important Institution, we s ay to all the true disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ, "Brethren, pray for us."

The permanent fund of the Theological Seminary amounts at this time to about twent thousand and three hundred dollars; and, it is believed, is all invested in good stocks and l

Of the High School, which is also intrusted to the care of this Board, we entertain the favorable opinion which we have expressed in former years; but a more particular account present condition is contained in the accompanying report of the Principal of that Institut All which is respectfully submitted.

#### REPORT OF THE FACULTY.

The Faculty of the Seminary respectfully report: That the following persons have been nected with the Institution during the present session. Of the Junior Class, viz:

Francis M. Baker, candidate for orders in the Diocese of Virginia.  
G. S. Carraway, candidate for orders in Virginia.  
William Duvall, candidate for orders in Virginia.  
Albert W. Duy, candidate for orders in the Diocese of Pennsylvania.  
William J. Ellis, candidate for orders in Georgia.  
Richardson Graham, candidate for orders in Virginia.  
Daniel Henshaw, candidate for orders in Maryland.  
O. A. Kinsolving candidate for orders in Virginia.  
William C. Meredith, candidate for orders in Virginia.  
E. J. P. Messinger, candidate for orders in Pennsylvania.  
Benjamin F. Mower, candidate for orders in Georgia.  
James Mulchahey, of the Diocese of Rhode Island.  
E. C. Murdaugh, candidate for orders in Virginia.  
Robert Nelson, candidate for orders in Virginia.  
S. Ridout, candidate for orders in Maryland.  
J. A. Shanklin, candidate for orders in Virginia.  
Owen P. Thackara, candidate for orders in Virginia.

Cornelius Walker, candidate for orders in Virginia.  
 William C. Williams, candidate for orders in Virginia.  
 Henry W. Woods, candidate for orders in Virginia.  
 J. F. Young, candidate for orders in Maine.

**The Middle Class, viz:**

Edmund W. Henning, candidate for orders in Virginia.  
 Edward F. Putnam, candidate for orders in Virginia.  
 Lewis Walke, candidate for orders in Virginia.  
 Andrew Fisher, candidate for orders in Virginia.  
 E. H. Canfield, candidate for orders in Virginia.  
 Edwin Mendenhall, candidate for orders in Pennsylvania.  
 Thomas L. Franklin, candidate for orders in Pennsylvania.  
 H. M. Denpison, candidate for orders in Pennsylvania.  
 J. T. B. Smith, candidate for orders in Virginia,

**The Senior Class, viz:**

A. J. Berger, candidate for orders in Maryland.  
 E. A. Dalrymple, candidate for orders in Virginia.  
 William H. Good, candidate for orders in Virginia.  
 H. T. Hiester, candidate for orders in Pennsylvania.  
 G. A. Leakin, candidate for orders in Maryland.  
 \*Charles Gillet, candidate for orders in Virginia.  
 J. R. Lee, candidate for orders in Virginia.  
 A. T. McMurphy, candidate for orders in Ohio.  
 S. P. Nash, candidate for orders in Pennsylvania.  
 \*G. Packard, candidate for orders in Maine.  
 C. Page, candidate for orders in Virginia.  
 W. H. Pendleton, candidate for orders in Virginia.  
 J. B. Richmond, candidate for orders in Rhode Island.  
 R. M. White, candidate for orders in Western New York.  
 G. T. Wilmer, candidate for orders in Virginia.  
 E. Withers, candidate for orders in Virginia.

Whole number of Students, - - - -

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\* Ordained.

## REPORT OF THE PROFESSOR OF SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY.

The Professor of Systematic Theology, reports: That during the portion of the *Seminary* year which is past, the *Junior Class* has studied with him the *Evidences of Christianity*; the *Middle Class*, *Butler's Analogy*, the *Evidences of Christianity*, and all the doctrinal part of a course of Theology; and the *Senior Class*, *Burnet on the Thirty-nine Articles*, *Hooker's Ecclesiastical Polity*, and *Bishop Onderdonk's "Episcopacy Tested by Scripture."* The subject of Church Government has fallen under his care only by a temporary arrangement. Several of the members of the *Senior Class* have voluntarily reviewed *Butler's Analogy* with the *Middle Class*, and some few have studied the *Evidences of Christianity* again with the same class. The *Middle Class* has read at every recitation in Theology, an essay on some subject in the course, and the members of the two upper classes have continued, as heretofore, to exercise themselves weekly in committing to memory select portions of the English Bible. As to the punctuality and industry of the classes, they have been every thing that I could desire.

In the High School, I continued to give instruction in Mental and Moral Philosophy, until the middle of January, when the Rev. Dr. May took charge of the department. My connexion with that Institution was in every way most pleasant to me, and nothing but the pressure of other duties, too great for my strength, made me willing to dissolve it. Such is my conviction of the efficiency with which the High School is conducted, and of its great importance to the interests of sound education, both moral and intellectual, in the Church, and to the growth and prosperity of our Seminary, that whenever circumstances allow it, and my services can be made any way available, it will give me pleasure to be associated again with the Principal and his assistants in their labors.

WILLIAM SPARROW.



## REPORT OF THE PROFESSOR OF CHURCH HISTORY.

The current term is the first one of my connexion with the Seminary, as Instructor. In consideration of this, Dr. Sparrow has generously relieved me of a portion of my duties, by instructing the Senior Class in Church Polity. They have thus had the benefit of his experience in teaching.

The Middle and Senior Classes have given attention to Church History, under my direction. The former have gone over the ground in Mosheim's work, and are now reviewing it. The latter have studied the History of the Church of England, out of the work of the present Bishop of Sodor and Man, (Dr. Short,) and are also now employed in reviewing it. The members of the classes have, in general, been punctual and diligent, and showed proper attention to their studies.

I have instructed, also, a class at the High School, in Intellectual and Moral Philosophy. During the first part of the term, I had the aid of Dr. Sparrow, who led the class through Intellectual Philosophy: since which time, they have reviewed that study, and nearly finished their recitations in Moral Science, from the work of President Wayland. The class is composed of about twenty promising youths, who are to be commended for exemplary propriety of deportment, and diligence in study. A portion of them are preparing themselves for entering upon a course of Theology in the Seminary. I may add, that the importance of the High School, as a nursery for the Theological Seminary, is well worthy of attention.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES MAY.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, May 15, 1843.

## REPORT OF THE PROFESSOR OF BIBLICAL LITERATURE.

The Professor of Biblical Literature would respectfully report: That he has been enabled, by the grace of God, to discharge the duties of his office almost without interruption from sickness, or any other cause.

The classes under his instruction, have pursued the prescribed course of study; and their proficiency has been satisfactory. The members have been, generally, very punctual, as indicated by the roll call.

Their studies have been as follows: The Junior Class have studied Bush's Hebrew Grammar, and will have finished the Book of Genesis in Hebrew in a few more recitations. The exercise of translating English into Hebrew has been carried on simultaneously with the Grammar, and, it is believed, with good success. In Greek, a private class was formed for the more deficient in knowledge of Greek, before commencing the Harmony of the Gospels. The class are now advancing in the Harmony, and it is expected, will finish it before the close of the session. They have also studied, and been regularly examined upon, Jahn's Introduction to the Old Testament, his Jewish Antiquities, and Ernesti on Interpretation. An Epitome of Jewish History, prepared by myself, has also been studied, and generally transcribed. Instruction has been given from time to time, in Sacred Geography and Chronology, and the class have been referred to the best sources of information on all subjects connected with the department, and urged to pursue a course of reading marked out.

They have written fifty Exegetical Essays on the most important and difficult passages of the Gospels.

The Middle Class have read in Hebrew, all the more important Prophecies of Christ in the Old Testament.

In Greek, they have studied the Epistles to the Romans and Hebrews, and the Pastoral Epistles to Timothy and Titus.

All which is respectfully submitted.

J. PACKARD.

Rev. Mr. Pendleton, in compliance with instructions from the Trustees, presented and read to the Convention his report as Principal of the Episcopal High School. Report unanimously adopted.

## REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF THE HIGH SCHOOL.

I again submit for your consideration my Annual Report of the condition, &c., of the High School.

This is the fourth year of the existence of the Institution: and although it has been a year fraught with trial and embarrassment, to nearly all benevolent and literary institutions in our

land, owing to the general pecuniary pressure: yet there is reason to "thank God and take courage" in reviewing the degree of success enjoyed by our Institution, under the Divine blessing, even during this trying year.

The present number of students (and about the average number since the beginning of the session, 1st October, last) is 51. Although this number is much less than those of the two previous years, yet there has been a decided gain in the proportion of pious and exemplary students during this year, rendering the task of governing the Institution far less trying and difficult.

The condition of the Institution as a nursery of piety as well as of learning, is such as to cheer our hearts. God has been pleased, notwithstanding the infirmities and errors of those conducting the work, to continue his blessing upon the honest effort to teach his own truth, as the basis of all right cultivation of the human faculties. Of the 51 students, 17 are professors of religion; and for 10 others are even now, we trust, in that interesting state of concern and serious reflection, which the scriptures teach us to ascribe to the gracious operation of the Holy Spirit; for the happy result of which we may fervently pray, and gladly trust. Besides these most interesting facts, we must believe that the constant inculcation of God's word, the general spirit of prayer, and the sincere though imperfect endeavor to practice in instruction and government the precepts of the Gospel, at the Institution, are attended by other and wider blessings from God's goodness. That it is his kindness which has ensured to the Institution during the past year, a degree of order, industry, peace, harmony and happiness delightful to witness; and that many of those who may leave their Alma Mater at Howard, without appearing to human eye, subjects of grace, or recipients of heavenly wisdom, may prove, ere many years are passed, the efficacy of that training they have there enjoyed, "in the nurture and admonition of the Lord," to which he has promised his blessing.

It is believed that instruction has been faithfully and successfully given during the session, in the various branches of learning pursued in the Institution. The illness and death of the lamented Dr. Keith, having devolved upon the Rev. Dr. Sparrow responsible and onerous duties in the Theological Seminary, it became desirable that he should be relieved of the charge of the department of Mental and Moral Philosophy in the High School. It was accordingly arranged that his place should be filled, in that department, by Rev. Dr. May, who during the latter part of the session, has therefore bestowed, and will continue to bestow, in these subjects, his excellent and acceptable instruction. All the other departments have been conducted by the same teachers, and in the same manner, as during previous years.

While on this subject, permit me to submit for consideration, some views, called for by an impression injurious to the school, of the existence of which, in some quarters, I have been informed.

That impression is, that the teachers of the High School are, in general, too young and inexperienced, to be rightly qualified for the responsible charge committed to them. A fair statement of facts, may, I trust, prove sufficient to remove such an impression.

Of Rev. Dr. May I need not speak; his experience and wisdom need here no vindication. As already stated, an important department of the Institution is under his care.

Of myself, it becomes me to say very little; I will only say, that during ten years have I been acquiring experience in teaching the subjects especially under my care in the High School, viz: Mathematics and Natural Philosophy.

The principal teacher in the department of languages, though still a young man, I may modestly mention as one of peculiar attainments as a scholar, and peculiar ability as a teacher. Having been employed as an assistant teacher for two years, in Dr. Muhlenberg's successful Institution at Flushing, Long Island, he was engaged on strong recommendation when our Institution went into operation four years ago. Ever since, he has been diligently devoted to instructing in his appropriate branches in the High School. Surely six years thus passed may be adduced as satisfactory evidence of experience and skill; especially when conjoined, as in this case they are, with a peculiar aptitude for the useful though unappreciated office of teaching.

Others of the assistant teachers, have been engaged in their labors at the Institution, from its commencement. They were known at first, to be well qualified in learning and character. To these they now have added the recommendation of four years' experience.

Nearly two years ago, four tutors were employed from among the senior students, who had successfully pursued the higher studies of the Institution. They were well known, of exemplary piety, of approved habits of diligence, and of excellent qualifications for teaching. They have continued their duties, and still instruct appropriate classes. And what they do, they do well. So far from this arrangement being just cause of objection; to every judicious person acquainted with the necessary working of such Institutions, it must approve itself as a peculiar advantage. Inasmuch as classes are hereby multiplied, every pupil can be more accurately adjusted to his proper place, and each can receive fuller and more exact instruction; while a kindly and conservative influence is necessarily exerted by the diffusion of so many tutors among the students, and through the constant and familiar intercourse between them and their junior brethren of the household. A general supervision of an affectionate, honest, and wholesome kind is secured. And order, virtue, peace, and love more generally prevail.

It is my conviction, after much reflection, and no loose observation, that in the foregoing facts may be traced peculiar indications of the Divine care, in answer to those who gave their sub-

stance and their prayers, in the establishment of the Institution. In this, that He provided for the work competent and worthy *young men*, nearly all natives of our own diocese; associated with some elder and more experienced; who could, as they have done for years, devote themselves steadily to the arduous business of teaching in the High School. For, while means could not be raised to pay large salaries to men of high distinction, such men themselves, were there abundant means, could not be had for our Institution. Old established, distinguished institutions, secure them, and posts of higher honor than any we could offer, attract them. But even if obtained, they could not, as well as those we have, discharge the important functions of familiar association, close supervision, toil and drudgery of elementary teaching, and submitting with elastic buoyancy to the perpetual annoyances of such a life. Indeed, how proverbial are the fluctuations and changes in the officers of schools! especially when men who have earned distinction accept such offices. How surely and speedily do they, in general, withdraw, discouraged by the inadequate rewards, and disgusted by the incessant annoyances incident to such posts!

From evils of this kind the High School has hitherto been preserved, under the blessing of heaven, through that very system—to which the objection here noticed has been made. Do not these considerations prove how unfounded is that objection?

I will add, on this subject, that knowing several students who had been trained at our Institution, to be now in attendance upon the courses at William and Mary College, and the University of Virginia, I have made inquiry as to their standing in learning, character and habits, and have been much gratified by the information that in both institutions they stand very high.

Since my last Annual Report, an arrangement has been made to provide suitable rooms for those students who may pursue, at the High School, studies preparatory to entering the Theological Seminary; and for such others of the more mature and worthy of our students as it may be deemed proper to intrust to themselves in such private rooms. These rooms are designed and used only as sitting and study rooms for those assigned to them; while the younger pupils still assemble in a large room, for study, under the direction of a teacher. And all are required to lodge, as heretofore, in the common dormitory.

This arrangement has been found to work well; the important purpose of accommodating preparatory theological students, has been encouragingly answered, there being 9 such at the Institution; while the comfort and satisfaction of the elder youths are materially promoted. Nor has any lack of order and industry been perceived to result from this plan, but rather the contrary.

It has been mentioned to me, that the provision of a common dormitory is made a serious objection to our Institution on the part of some persons otherwise well disposed as its friends, on the ground that health, or order, or both, are thereby impaired. Now, so far from this being a just impression, it may be confidently declared that the reverse is secured in both respects. No one can inspect the room without being struck with the excellent arrangement thereof for thorough ventilation. Its dimensions are 110 feet long, 35 broad, 12 high. It has 26 large windows, opening above or below, and is provided with two well adjusted apertures in the ceiling. Surely it is obvious that the supply and circulation of pure air, with such an arrangement, is far better secured than it could possibly be were the space cut up into smaller apartments, in accordance with the views of those who urge the objection now noticed. The advantage of the present arrangement for health, is further secured, by the provision made for the sick. Invalids are at once removed from the dormitory, into a suitable room provided as a hospital for the Institution.

So far as the purposes of order and virtue are concerned, it is too evident to need argument, that they are greatly promoted by this arrangement: inasmuch, as by it, all the students are placed, by night as well as by day, under the superintendence of all the junior and some of the senior teachers, who lodge in the same room. Indeed, this is deemed one of the most valuable conservative influences secured in the Institution.

Let me now bring to your notice a subject of the deepest interest towards the probable future success and usefulness of the Institution. I mean its financial condition and prospect of future support:

Through the liberality of some generous christians of our diocese, the Institution has been established, and the site, buildings, and appurtenances all paid for. And during its four years' operation, it has been so sustained, that now, estimating together the first more abundant season of its existence, and the present more straightened one, the Institution stands about free of debt or gain.

In connection with this fact, there are some others very important to be borne in mind. And first, I mention the circumstance, that while hitherto the nominal charges of the Institution have been \$300 per annum—the actual average amount received has been only \$170 for each student. A reduction caused by having admitted 30 youths, sons of clergymen, and others, at the half charge of \$100 per annum, and 10 others, under peculiar circumstances, free of all charge. And it ought not to be forgotten, that this is in fact a benevolent contribution by the Institution, to the amount of \$5,000, bestowed in a very noiseless and unpretending mode, but in a cause second in importance to none other, and destined it is hoped, under God's blessing, to result in wide and lasting benefit.

another consideration not to be overlooked, is, that while this average income of \$170 has thus enabled to bear the Institution in safety to its present position—leaving it now free of debt or gain; the expenses incident to the commencement of the enterprise may be hoped to be avoided in the future, though some others, not hitherto borne, may accrue, but less, it is hoped, in amount. So, on the whole, from this result of four years' trial, and from the experience of students at the Theological Seminary, for many years past, it may be assumed as safe to fix the average income secured from each student at the High School at \$150 per annum. This I regard as the net average income from each student, of which the safe conduct of the Institution can possibly sustain. And should the whole number of students not reach fifty, the amount thus raised, will cover the unavoidable expenses.

gain, experience shows, that the charge of \$200 per annum occasions, even to wealthy parents, much inconvenience and difficulty, especially at this time of pecuniary distress, as to prevent them from sending their sons to the Institution; while the candidates for reception at the half year, or free of all charge, are abundant.

Since it is obvious that justice and prudence require an arrangement by which a portion of the higher charge may be abated, while at the same time, a portion of the deficiency of the lower grade may be supplied.

Towards this double object I propose, 1st, a reduction of the higher charges according to the sliding scale. Secondly, the establishment, permanently or for a limited time, of a number of scholarships for the benefit of such as have hitherto been received without charge or at the half rate.

The scale of charges to be this:

1. For each student not entitled to abatement on some one of the following conditions, \$200. For each such one continuing at the Institution two years, the charge for the second year to be \$180.

or the third year, \$160.

or the fourth, and each succeeding year, \$150.

Where two or more enter from the same family, the charge from the first to be \$150.

The amount received from those first enumerated, beyond \$150 per annum, to constitute a fund to be paid to the treasurer of the Trustees, and by them applied as they deem best for the welfare of the High School and the Theological Seminary.

Towards the raising the scholarships proposed, the outline of a plan was sketched by me some time since, and an appeal founded thereon, in accordance with the sanction of the Executive Committee of the Trustees, partially presented in a circular designed for general distribution; but, however, to the advice of some friends, and the prospect of stronger grounds for such an appeal, after the meeting of the Trustees, and the Convention—farther proceedings on the subject have been postponed, in the hope of obtaining the high sanction, and effectual influence of the Trustees and Convention. That sanction and that influence I now ask, on the grounds of the necessity of the cause, the necessity of the case, and the just claims of the Institution.

The main feature of the plan which I propose for raising scholarships, is this, of securing donations of a limited but fixed amount from a sufficient number of individuals. Say, from 300 individuals, \$10 per annum each, for five successive years. Could 300 individuals be gotten thus to give \$10 per annum for the next five years, the object would be attained, within that period, a great good done; while the foundation would doubtless be thus laid for the establishment of a permanent system of scholarship at the Institution. About twenty-five persons have subscribed \$10 per annum, for five years, and it is hoped that many others may, by the merits of the cause, be induced to do likewise.

But, inasmuch as there are many persons who can scarcely afford the sum of \$10, while there are many others who shrink from making a pledge for future years, the suggestion is made to all such to contribute to the object, in any form, and to any extent they deem best.

Moreover, there are other individuals justly concerned in the important cause of education, especially christian education, who might readily contribute for this purpose, far more than \$10 per annum. May not any such individual accomplish more good by endowing a scholarship of \$10 per annum, than by the appropriation of that sum in any other way?

I merely add the suggestion that the whole sum raised, might be wisely divided into scholarships of three grades.

A few of \$150 per annum to pay the whole charge for a few worthy youths whose friends are unable to pay any thing for them.

Some of \$100 per annum, where there might be ability on the part of friends to meet the additional charge of \$50.

And the remainder of \$50 per annum, to be applied to cases where, from private resources, nothing could be paid.

Towards commending this cause, and the Institution, to the serious attention, and cordial interest of the Trustees and Convention, and of the clergy and pious laymen of the diocese, I annex some statistics, showing the useful agency of the Institution, as a nursery of piety and learning.

The whole number of students admitted into the Institution up to the present time is 167.

Of these there were pious, and communicants of the Church when admitted, 12. There have become so, since their connection with the Institution, 40; who would compare favorably, it is believed, in consistency and faithfulness, with the like number added to the communion in any congregation.

Besides these, others have certainly been awakened to a serious pondering of their spiritual state, and all have been trained, under the continual inculcation of the saving truths of the Bible: the happy result of which may be looked for at a future day.

The whole number now at the High School attending or preparing for the Theological Seminary, including several of the teachers, is 15. Of those who have left the Institution there are known to have entered on business, or engaged in the study of professions, 38. And others who have gone to college, 12. Most of whom have carried with them, we are assured, much useful knowledge, good mental habits, and above all, the valuable blessing of christian principles.

Of all those admitted into the Institution, there have been, sons of clergymen, and beneficiaries of the Education society preparing for the ministry, at the half charge, 30. Those for whom no charge has been made, 10. Besides a few others, in whose favor there have been abatements of charge, when warranted, as was thought, by peculiar circumstances.

These statistics show the actual usefulness and value of the Institution, under the favor and blessing of Him to whom it is dedicated. And surely they furnish a strong incentive to perseverance in the useful work; nor only so, but to additional efforts towards extending that usefulness.

In conclusion, I would remark:

I. It must be perceived to be a very important and desirable arrangement, if it be a practicable one, to secure places in our School, for a reasonable number of youths at the reduced cost to them, of \$100 per annum; for some others, at the still lower cost of \$50; and for a few free of all charge.

How many valuable youths, might thus be trained for highest usefulness, in every sphere to which Providence might assign them, from among that portion of society to which we must ever look for most worth, most piety, and most benefit to the world!

II. Should it prove practicable to raise these scholarships, as we must fain hope it will, the mode proposed for assigning them is this: for the Trustees or the Convention, to designate a suitable tribunal, which may invite applicants, and decide upon their respective claims, according to testimonials furnished; and thus fairly and justly appoint candidates to the scholarships of either grade. Of course sons of the clergy of the Diocese, and those who hitherto have been admitted as beneficiaries of the Education society, would be fairly considered among such applicants. And thus a double benefit would result; 1st, to the clergy, by having secured the good education of their sons at a cost moderate to them; 2nd, to the Education society and Seminary, by relieving that society of its beneficiaries at the High School, and leaving its means and energies free to be fully applied to the Seminary.

III. In recommendation of the scholarship foundation, herein proposed, these two important facts should be borne in mind: 1st, that it is the system which has long prevailed in the best institutions of learning in England, (perhaps the best in the world,) to which must be attributed, not only much of their permanence and general value, but much of their highest usefulness, in sending out into the world the many good and great men who have been educated on scholarships, and who otherwise might never have been prepared so nobly to serve God, and bless mankind. 2nd, that for want of such foundation, several institutions, established in our country, and by our Church, (of these nearly all indeed) have failed and disappeared, after a few years of apparent prosperity, and a brief struggle against difficulties, which must ever result from a fluctuating support: while many disturbing causes render such support in our Southern country peculiarly uncertain and unstable.

IV. The questions remain. Is not the cause one well worthy the contribution asked? Is not the crisis at hand, when the provision recommended is needed? Ought not the effort be made in the Church of our beloved State? Is not this a judicious mode of making the effort? Shall it be sustained as the cause of God?

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. N. PENDLETON,  
*Principal Epis. High School of Va.*

Bishop Meade announced the following named gentlemen as composing the "Committee on application to the Legislature," viz: Mr. William H. McFarland, Gen'l Richardson, Gen'l Pegram, Mr. William Williams, Mr. Edmund Fontaine, Mr. Randolph Harrison, Mr. David May, Col. Carrington, and Mr. James Lyons.

Mr. Wm. Williams, from the Committee on Finance, presented the following:

The Committee of Finance have performed the duty assigned them, and beg leave to report: That the Treasurer's account, having been examined, is found supported by proper vouchers, and that the balance due him, 17th May, 1843, was \$731 49.

That the amount of contributions from the several parishes to the Contingent Fund paid in during the present Convention, is \$3,780 82, agreeably to the annexed list, No. 1.

That they have, to the best of their ability in the limited time at their disposal, compared the receipts with the reports of this and the last year, and ascertained that there is due from delinquent parishes, agreeably to the list annexed, No. 2, \$752 23.

WM. WILLIAMS,  
EDW'D S. PEGRAM,  
R. W. CUNNINGHAM,  
JNO. CRENSHAW.

*William H. Hubbard, Treasurer, in account with the Episcopal Convention of Virginia.*

1842.		Dr.	
May 12.	To cash on hand as per account rendered,	-	\$775 96
25.	To cash received from Sec'y of Convention, per Wm. Williams, Esq., viz:		
	Bishop Meade's receipts,	\$1,600 00	
	S. H. Lewis',	80 00	
	Henry Taylor's,	10 00	
	Edw. S. Tayloe's draft on treasurer,	66 75	
	E. I. Lee's check,	41 00	
	Benj. L. Meade's check,	30 00	
	Current notes,	90 00	
			1,917 75
Nov. 5.	To cash received interest on amount deposited in the Saving's Institution,		30 15
1843.			
May 17.	To balance,	-	745 49
			<u>\$3,469 37</u>
1843.			
May 17.	To cash received from Rev. B. M. Miller, viz: his receipt, \$50; cash, \$5,	55 00	
	To cash received from Rev. John Towles, Leed's parish,	9 00	
	To balance,	731 49	
			<u>\$795 49</u>
1842.		Cr.	
May 21.	By cash paid Bishop Meade's salary, per Rev. B. M. Miller, Secretary,	\$1,000 00	
	By cash paid Bishop Meade's salary, per Rev. B. M. Miller, Secretary,	600 00	
	By cash paid Rev. Wm. Friend, Ed. T. Tayloe's draft,	66 75	
	By cash paid S. H. Lewis, per Rev. B. M. Miller, Secretary,	80 00	
	By cash paid Henry Taylor, do	10 00	
June 16.	By cash paid Rev. Herman Hooker, for Bishop Meade's draft,	125 00	
20.	By cash paid Rev. E. R. Lippiut, for printing,	190 78	
24.	By cash paid Bishop Meade,	375 00	
Oct. 13.	By cash paid Bishop Griswold, per C. B. Dana,	120 00	
	By cash paid exchange for check on New York,	50	
	By cash paid C. B. Dana, postage bill,	34 00	
	By cash paid Bishop Ives, per Rev. Geo. Woodbridge,	30 00	
	By cash paid Bishop Whittingham, do	25 00	
20.	By cash paid E. R. Lippiut for printing,	8 20	
Dec. 10.	By cash paid P. D. Bernard for printing,	54 14	
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May 5.	By cash paid Bishop Johns,	750 00	
			<u>\$3,469 37</u>
1843.			
May 17.	By balance brought down,	745 49	
	By cash paid Rev. B. M. Miller,	50 00	
			<u>\$795 49</u>
1843.			
May 17.	By balance brought down,	731 39	
	E. E.		
	WM. H. HUBBARD,		
	Treasurer Ep. Convention of Va.		

*Contributions to Contingent Fund.*

Abingdon and Ware parish, - - - - -	\$25 50
Antrim parish, Halifax, - - - - -	47 00
Augusta parish, Trinity church, Staunton, - - - - -	55 00
Aldie church, Loudon county, - - - - -	4 50
Buck Mountain church, \$12—N. Garden, \$8—Mountain Place church, \$1—Albemarle, - - - - -	21 00
Bristol parish, St. Paul's, Petersburg, - - - - -	225 00
Botetourt parish, Botetourt county, - - - - -	30 00
Bruton parish, Williamsburg, - - - - -	58 00
Berkely parish, and Christ church, Spottsylvania, - - - - -	29 00
Bath parish, Dinwiddie, and St. Andrew's parish, Brunswick, - - - - -	34 00
Camden parish, Pittsylvania and Henry, - - - - -	14 00
Cople parish, Wesmoreland, - - - - -	14 00
Christ Church parish, Lancaster, - - - - -	22 00
Cumberland parish, Lunenburg, - - - - -	39 00
Chuckatuck parish, Isle of Wight, - - - - -	8 00
Cedar Run parish, Fauquier, - - - - -	6 00
Dettingen parish, Prince William, - - - - -	14 00
Elizabeth River parish, Christ church, Norfolk, - - - - -	330 00
Do St Paul's church, Norfolk, - - - - -	98 00
Elizabeth City Parish, Fort Monroe, - - - - -	14 00
Do St. John's church, Hampton, - - - - -	30 00
Frederickville parish, Christ church, Charlottesville, - - - - -	78 00
Frederick parish, Christ church, Winchester, - - - - -	80 00
Fairfax parish, Christ church, Alexandria, D. C., - - - - -	120 00
Frederick parish, Christ church, Clarke county, - - - - -	60 00
Farnham parish, Richmond county, - - - - -	10 00
Grace church, Caroline, - - - - -	22 00
Hamilton parish, Fauquier county, - - - - -	32 25
Henrico parish, St. James' church, Richmond, - - - - -	150 00
Hungar's parish, Northampton, - - - - -	56 00
Henrico parish, St. John's church, Richmond, - - - - -	33 00
Henrico parish, Christ church, Richmond, - - - - -	118 00
Henrico parish, Mounmental church, Richmond, - - - - -	279 00
Kenawha and St. Mark's parish, Kenawha, - - - - -	47 00
Lynhaven parish, Princess Ann, - - - - -	19 00
Lexington parish, Amherst, - - - - -	35 00
Lyuleton parish, Cumberland, - - - - -	34 00
Lunenburg parish, Richmond, - - - - -	21 00
Leed's parish, Prince William, - - - - -	22 00
Martins Brandon parish, Prince George, - - - - -	23 00
Meherin parish, Greenville, - - - - -	8 00
Meade parish, Fauquier, and Middleburg, Loudon, - - - - -	20 00
Moore parish, St. Paul's church, Lynchburg, - - - - -	114 00
Nelson parish, Nelson county, - - - - -	18 00
Newport parish, Isle of Wight, - - - - -	45 00
Portsmouth parish, Trinity church, Portsmouth, - - - - -	100 00
Raleigh and Dale parishes, and Grace church, Powhatan, - - - - -	45 50
Russell parish, Bedford, - - - - -	106 50
Roanoke parish, Halifax, - - - - -	13 00
St. John's church, King George, - - - - -	6 00
St. Paul's parish, King George, - - - - -	25 00
St. Andrew's parish, Trinity church, Shepherdstown, - - - - -	36 00
St. Ann's parish, Essex, - - - - -	25 00
South Farnham parish, Essex, - - - - -	29 00
St. George's parish, Accomac, - - - - -	27 10
St. George's parish, St. George church, Fredericksburg, - - - - -	150 00
St. James', Southam, and King William parishes, - - - - -	24 00
St. James', Northam, Goochland, - - - - -	38 00
St. John's church, City Point, - - - - -	19 00
St. Margaret's parish, Caroline, - - - - -	20 06
St. Mark's parish, St. Stephen's church, Culpeper, - - - - -	22 52
Do St. James' church, do - - - - -	19 49

*Amount carried forward, - - - - - \$3,161 34*

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St. Matthew's parish, St. Matthew's church, Wheeling,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	75 00
St. Martin's parish, Hanover,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	37 75
St. Peter's church, Port Royal,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	31 00
St. Thomas' church, Orange,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	37 50
St. Paul's church, Alexandria,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	75 00
St. Paul's parish, King George,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25 00
Shelburne parish, St. James' church, Leesburg,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	80 00
St. Ann's parish, Albemarle,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10 00
St. Paul's, Suffolk,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15 00
St. Andrew's parish, Brunswick,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25 00
Southwark, Surry,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1 00
Theological Seminary, Fairfax,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20 00
Walker's parish, Walker's church, Albemarle,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22 50
Westover parish, Charles City county,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	23 00
West Russell, Bedford,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24 05
Woodville parish, Rockbridge and Botetourt,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	39 00
Washington parish, Westmoreland,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2 50
Total,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$3,780 82

Rev. Dr. Cobbs offered the following resolution, which was also unanimously concurred in :

*Resolved*, That this Convention earnestly recommend to the favorable consideration of the Church, the scheme of scholarships as proposed by the Principal of the Episcopal High School in his report made to the Board of Trustees.

The unfinished business of the last Convention, being the consideration of the substitute for the 12th Canon, as heretofore proposed by Rev. Mr. Christian,\* was, on motion, laid over until next Convention.

Mr. P. Williams submitted the following, which was concurred in, viz :

*Resolved*, That the Secretary deliver to the Treasurer a copy of the list of delinquent parishes; and also, of the resolution of the Select Committee, directing the Treasurer to write to delinquent parishes, informing them of the amount of their delinquency.

Rev. Mr. Atkinson moved, That the next Convention of this Church be held in the town of Lynchburg, on the third Wednesday of May, 1844.

Rev. Mr. Armstrong offered an amendment, substituting the city of Wheeling therefor, and at the time appointed as above.

The sense of the Convention being taken on the amendment, it was determined in the affirmative.

After some suggestions by the Bishop in reference to the tabular arrangement heretofore made, in which Wheeling was not then included, and expressing the doubtful expediency of interrupting the order then laid down, without more consideration than could now be given to it; stating, also, that a change now made, would materially affect the arrangement of Episcopal services contemplated during the year; Mr. Pegram, who had voted in the affirmative, moved a re-consideration of the question; which was concurred in.

Mr. Atkinson, thereupon, renewed his motion in favor of Lynchburg, and it was decided in the affirmative, by the required majority of two-thirds of the members present.

The following resolutions were then passed unanimously :

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention are due, and are hereby tendered, to the citizens of Richmond, for their kindness and hospitality to the members of this Convention.

\* See Journal for 1842, pages 22 and 23.



**Resolved,** That the Secretary be authorized to pay the postage of the Journals for such of the clergy as request it.

**Resolved,** That the Treasurer be directed to pay the expenses of the Secretary in attending this Convention.

**Resolved,** That the Treasurer pay the doorkeeper of this Convention, \$10.

**Resolved,** That the Secretary have two thousand copies of the Journal of this Convention published for distribution among the parishes.

The Convention adjourned *sine die*.

RT. REV. WILLIAM MEADE,

*President of the Convention.*

REV. BENJAMIN M. MILLER, *Secretary.*

## APPENDIX.

### PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

*Ware and Ware parishes, Gloucester county.*—Chas. Mann, Rector.—Communicants, added 3—whole number 61; Baptisms, adults 1, infants 21—total 22; Confirmations 9; adults 7, infants 2—total 9; Marriages 4. Amount collected for different institutions

nothing in the state of these churches worthy of particular remark. The congregation has increased in numbers until it forms quite an interesting body of attentive hearers. Some expensive and valuable improvements have been made in the buildings, and some improvements at Ware.

*parish, Halifax county.*—J. Grammer, Rector.—Communicants, added 17, (viz: 15 colored,) removed 3, died 2 (1 white and 1 colored)—total (46 white and 1 colored) 47; adults 7 white and 2 colored, 9; children, 22 white and 28 colored, 50—total of baptisms 79; Confirmations, 11 white and 2 colored—total 13; Marriages, 3 white and 2 colored—total 5; Funerals, 3 white and 5 colored—total 8. Amount collected for the different institutions with the Protestant Episcopal Church, viz: Missions, Domestic \$176 06, Foreign \$363 87; Association for promotion of christianity in Virginia \$396 75; Education Society \$78 01; Theological Seminary \$8 00—grand total \$846 64.

*church, Staunton.*—Rev. F. D. Goodwin, Rector.—Communicants, added 12, removed 1, died 1—total 74; Baptisms, white infants 5; Confirmations 25; Marriages 7. Amount contributed to objects connected with the Church—Colonization Society \$32; Bible Society of Virginia \$50; Diocesan Missions \$32 25; General Missionary and Foreign, \$110 27; Education Society \$75; Bishop's fund \$55—total

*church, Bristol parish, Petersburg.*—N. H. Cobbe, Rector.—Communicants, added 21, died 6, withdrawn 2, transferred to Grace church 25—total 225; Baptisms, of infants 45—total 49; Confirmations 30; Marriages, of whites 7, of colored persons 12; Burials 16. Contributions to various benevolent objects \$1,250.

The rector has nothing of special interest to report in regard to his charge. He would hope there has not been so great an accession of numbers as in former periods, yet there is a steady increase of spirituality in religion. The Mission church spoken of in last report has been erected and consecrated, and now stands as a separate and independent under the care of the Rev. Mr. Gibson. Measures are about being taken with a view to the old dilapidated parish church, commonly known as Blandford church. Should this be repaired, the rector believes that a new and an interesting field of labor will be opened up.

*church, Botetourt county, Va.*—D. M. Wharton, Rector.—Communicants, added 8, removed 1—whites 30, colored 1—total 31; Baptisms, adults 3, infants 2—total 5; Marriages 7; Funerals 3. Amount collected for benevolent objects, about \$150. The gradual increase in our congregation, and other indications of a growing partiality to the Episcopal Church encourages the hope that the prospects of the parish will continue to improve.

*parish, Williamsburg.*—W. Hodges, Rector.—Communicants, added 137, (whites 7, colored 130,) removed 4, died 1—total (white 60, colored 130,) 192; Baptisms, white infants 9, colored adults 38—total 48; Confirmations 17; Marriages 10; Funerals, white 7, colored unknown. Amount collected for different institutions connected with the Church

The rector of this church, during the last three years, has officiated regularly every Sabbath for a congregation of colored people; during which time he has baptized more than never attempted to form them into a regular church, because he did not think them Christians) Episcopalians in principle. They had been brought up under the influence

of another denomination of Christians; and among those who came to hear him were some who had been members of the church under the influence of which all had been (at least in part) educated. Circumstances of late seem to require that an effort be made to unite as many as should be found willing into a body that should observe all the ordinances of the Church, and be under the pastoral care of the Rector. The number reported above are those who have given in their names as candidates for confirmation, the Lord's supper, and to be subject to his pastoral supervision.

*Bristol parish, Grace church, Petersburg.*—Churchill J. Gibson, Rector.—Since the meeting of the last Convention my field of labor in Petersburg affords a prospect of increasing usefulness. The missionary chapel, which was at that time under contract, is now almost entirely completed, and was consecrated to the service of God, by our Assistant Bishop, on the 25th of last February, under the name of Grace church. The congregation is steadily increasing. The Sunday school connected with it is also flourishing, and numbers about 90 scholars. A second school is sustained, in another neighborhood, consisting of 25 or 30 scholars. The state of things altogether is so encouraging that the organization of a new parish has been found, I think, most fully authorized. A vestry was accordingly elected on Easter Monday, who have appointed one of their number to act as lay-delegate in this Convention, and their petition for admission into the diocese is now before them. Since their election the vestry have nearly completed the erection of a vestry room, at a cost of nearly \$100.

During the year I have solemnized 2 Marriages and attended 20 Funerals, also administered 33 Baptisms, 7 adults and 26 children—total 33. The church has now connected with it 25 communicants, 7 of whom were confirmed at its consecration.

*Report of Geo. W. Dame, Rector of Camden parish, Pittsylvania and Henry counties.*—Communicants, added 16, (3 from other parishes,) removed 3, withdrawn 1—total 33; Baptisms, adults 4, all white, infants 16 white, 2 colored—total 22; Confirmations 10; Marriage 1; Funerals 3.

The prospects of the church in this parish are rather encouraging. The church edifice in Denville is in progress, and we expect it will be ready for consecration by the fall, if we can raise \$500 more than is now promised. We also expect to build a small church at Competition during the present year.

*Report of John Cooke, Missionary, Hanover county.*—My labors during the past year have been chiefly confined to the congregations at the Court House and Locust Grove, Louisa county; and I am sorry to add that I have nothing of interest or importance to report respecting them.

At both places the congregations have been respectable and attentive; but I fear that but little impression has been made in favor of the Church.

At the Court House they still talk of erecting a place for public worship; but, in consequence of the embarrassments of the times, the failure of some, and the death and removal of others, the prospect at present is rather discouraging; but we still indulge the hope of finally succeeding in the object.

At Locust Grove the continued sickness of the neighborhood greatly interfered with the regular attendance on public worship, as well as with my own administrations.

Having no conveniences for administering the ordinances of the Church, I am yet unable to state the number of families that give her the preference, or of those that are attached to her communion. I should think, however, that there could not be more than some half dozen of each.

I have officiated during the past year at but 2 Funerals and 1 Marriage.

*The Rev. George A. Smith, Principal of the Fairfax Institute, reports:* That he has regularly preached in the chapel of the Theological Seminary of Virginia, in connexion with the other clergy of the vicinity, and occasionally elsewhere. Being disqualified by weakness of voice from regular parochial duty, he continues to devote himself to the intellectual and religious education of his pupils, the number of whom, at the present time, is forty-five.

*Report of Lunenburg parish, Richmond county.*—Wm. N. Ward, Rector.—Communicants, added 1, removed 1—total 21, Baptisms, 2 infants; Funerals 7; Marriages 6.

*Report of Farnham parish, Richmond county.*—Wm. N. Ward, Rector.—Communicants, added 9, (one from another parish,) removed 1, excommunicated 1, died 1—total 19; Baptism, 1 adult; Funerals 5; Marriages 3.

*Report of Cople parish, Westmoreland county.*—Wm. N. Ward, Rector.—Communicants, added 1—total 21, one colored; Baptisms, 4 infants.

He has also solemnized 1 Marriage in Northumberland county, and performed 3 Funerals in Lancaster county.

*Christ Church parish, Lancaster county.*—J. Chowning, Lay-Delegate.—There having been no Rector in this parish for more than a year past, no report of the character required by the

canons can be made. The efforts of the vestry of this parish to obtain a pastor has, so far, been unavailing. Since the last report, the communicants, by death and removal, have been reduced to the number of thirty. Collected for the bishop and contingent funds \$22.

*Cumberland parish, Lunenburg county.*—Thomas E. Locke, Rector.—Communicants, added 7, died 1—total 53; Baptisms, adults, white 2, infants, white 5, colored 19—total 26; Confirmations 8; Marriages 2; Funerals 3. Amount contributed, to Education Society \$11; to Missionary purposes \$54 65.

*St. James' church, Dettingen parish, Prince William county.*—J. Towles, Rector.—Communicants, added 2, removed 2, died 1, withdrawn 1—present number 14; Baptisms, infants, white 3, colored 2; Marriage 1, between free persons of color; Funerals 2. The project of building a suitable place of worship is again agitated in this parish.

During the past summer and autumn the Rector preached regularly every 4th Tuesday at Dumfries, Quantico church, Dettingen parish, and every fourth Wednesday at Aquia church, Overwharton parish, Stafford county. Congregations generally small; sometimes large. Communicants very few in number. Quantico church 3, Aquia church 4.

He has performed a few services in the new parish of Cedar Run, Fauquier county. Communicants 6; Baptism 1; Marriage 1; Funeral 1. It is hoped that the new church will be ready for consecration at the next visitation of the Bishop, and that this small, but zealous and deserving congregation will be soon supplied with the services of a devoted and efficient pastor.

*St. Paul's church, Leeds parish, Prince William county.*—J. Towles, Rector.—Communicants, added 7, removed 1, died 1—present number 22; Baptisms, adult 1, infants, white 7; Confirmations 8; Marriage 1; Funeral 1.

*Christ church, Norfolk.*—Upton Beall, Rector.—Communicants, added 28, died, removed, &c. 21—present number 330; Confirmations 99; Deaths 14; Marriages 6; Baptisms, infants 22, adult 1—total 23. Sunday school, number of teachers, female and male, 46; number of scholars, female and male, 235; superintendent, librarian, and secretary—total 284. Contributions \$3,662.

*St. Paul's church, Norfolk.*—B. M. Miller, Rector.—Communicants, added 23, (10 from other cures,) died 1, removed 4, withdrawn 1, present number 98; Baptisms, adults 3, infants 44—total 47; Confirmations 24; Funerals 10; Marriages 4. Contributions to various objects about \$250.

In addition to the above, the Rector would state, with grateful feelings to God, the continued advance of the external condition of the venerable sanctuary at whose altars he is permitted to minister. During the past year, beside several improvements of minor importance, there have been put up a new organ and a cupola and a bell of excellent tone. There is also now being erected within the sacred enclosures a neat and commodious building for a Sunday school and lecture room, of which possession, it is believed, will be had by midsummer.

*Elizabeth city parish, St. John's church, Hampton.*—M. L. Chevers, Rector.—Communicants, added 14—total 30; Baptisms, adult 1, infants 4—total 5; Confirmations 13; Funerals 5. Collected for missions \$11 50; also between 11 and 12 dollars for diocesan; Contingent and Bishop's fund \$30.

*Centurion church, Fort Monroe.*—M. L. Chevers, Chaplain.—Communicants, added 6—total 14; Baptisms, adult 1, infants, white 23, colored 2—total 26; Confirmations 4; Marriages 2; Funerals 8. Collected for missions \$18 50; Contingent and Bishop's fund \$14. A Sunday school, numbering 40 children, in successful operation.

*Christ church, Winchester.*—William Y. Rooker, Rector.—The present Rector took charge of this parish in January of this year. The names of Communicants left upon record by his predecessor numbers 75, there have since been added 17—total 92; Confirmations 16; he has baptized 2 adults and 5 children—total 7; solemnized 1 marriage, and buried 1 person. There are attached to the Sunday school 90 children, with 1 superintendent and 2 assistant superintendents and 15 teachers; the children are catechised once in two months in the church. Much interest upon the subject of religion has been manifested. Contribution to Bishop's fund \$45.

*Falls church, Fairfax parish.*—Richard T. Brown, Rector.—I took charge of this venerable church in October last, and found it in a languishing condition. As I could find no parish register, I was compelled to visit from house to house, and, as far as could be ascertained, found but 10 communicants and 6 families regularly connected with the church. Since my connexion with the congregation the following changes have taken place:

Communicants, died 1, added 10, (2 of whom were received from another denomination, and several of the others from other cures.)—total 20; Baptisms, adults 2, infants 2—total 4; Funerals 3. Families in constant attendance upon the services of the church 16.

A Bible class and Sabbath school and services for the benefit of the colored people, are also established at the church, under the care of brethren from the Theological Seminary.

*Fairfax court house.*—On the 8th of February last we had the pleasure of organizing a new congregation at this very destitute place, and prompt measures were adopted for the immediate erection of a plain and substantial church. The edifice has been commenced, and if not entirely finished, will be used during the present year. Some of the most influential citizens of the place and neighborhood are interested in the work; the ladies also are zealously engaged; and we trust that, by the blessings of God, the church at this place will exert a wide and purifying influence. Communicants 5. Families who will be regularly connected with the church, about 12.

I preach once a fortnight to the colored people in the neighborhood of my location, and will extend my labors during the coming summer. This whole county, receiving, as it constantly does, large accessions to its population by emigration from the northern States, is indeed a field white unto the harvest.

*Christ church, Charlottesville.*—R. K. Meade, Rector.—Communicants, added 19, removed 3, died 3—total 78; Baptisms, adults 3, infants 4—total 7; Confirmations 23; Marriages 1; Funerals 5. Number of families 40. Amount collected for objects connected with the church \$682 70.

*Fairfax parish, Christ church, Alexandria, D.C.*—Charles B. Dana, Rector.—Communicants, added 30, twelve of whom are from other cures, removed 12, died 3—total 150; fifteen of this number are colored persons; Baptisms, adults 5, infants white 10, colored 2—total 17; Confirmations 25; Marriages 7; Funerals 9. Number of families 75. Amount contributed for benevolent purposes about \$600.

Connected with this church are a flourishing Sunday school, Bible class, and several benevolent societies. The services in the church and lecture room, which have been on an average three each week throughout the year, have generally been well attended; and an unusual degree of seriousness and religious interest has been prevalent in the congregation. In no former years since the present Rector's connexion with this parish, has he been more encouraged in his ministrations than during the year past; and he would add, with thankfulness to God, that he believes the present condition of the parish to be in all respects better, and its prospects more cheering, than at any previous time during the same period.

*Christ church, Millwood.*—W. G. H. Jones, Rector.—Communicants, removed 3, added 1—total 60; Baptisms, infants 6; Funerals 2; Marriages 3. Contributions to benevolent objects \$300.

The only item of special interest to be reported is the employment of a minister, whose labors will be devoted exclusively to the colored population of the parish.

The Rev. C. K. Nelson is the brother who has been selected for this noble object, and he is expected to enter upon his duties immediately after the convention.

*Franklin parish, Franklin county.*—E. Christian, Rector, reports that since the last Convention he has officiated, as regularly as his health would permit, in four different congregations, and that the prospects of the church are much more flattering than he had anticipated a year ago. Measures are now in progress for the erection of a neat and substantial church edifice in Rocky Mount.

*Hungar's parish, Northampton county.*—J. P. B. Wilmer, Rector.—Communicants, added 9, removed 3, died 2—total 56; Baptisms, adults 2, infants 4, colored 16—total 22; Confirmations, 13; Funerals 18; Marriage 1. Amount contributed to benevolent institutions of the Church \$365.

*Hamilton parish, Fauquier.*—Geo. Lemmon, Rector.—Communicants, about 30; Baptisms 7; Confirmations 6; Marriages 6; Funerals 5. The reduction of the number of the communicants so much below former reports is to be accounted for, in part, by the fact that a new parish has been organized during the last 14 or 15 months within the ancient limits of Hamilton parish, and the additional fact that, after the erection of Leeds church, some of the communicants of Hamilton parish attached themselves to Leeds church. The congregation of St. James, Warrenton, however, continues good, and some vivid indications of an increasing interest in divine things have lately cheered the heart of the Rector. The church-building is now undergoing some repairs and improvements through the liberality and active zeal of a few ladies. Feeble health detains the rector from this Convention. Contributions to benevolent objects \$57 90.

*Leeds parish, Fauquier.*—Geo. Lemmon, Rector.—The writer of this report, constrained by feeble health, has lately resigned this parish; but has left it, he hopes, in a state, through the divine blessing, to profit richly by the labors of a faithful pastor.

Communicants, about 30 or 35, added 10; Baptisms 3; Confirmations 14; Marriage 1; Funerals none. Contributions to benevolent objects \$64 85.

*St. Peter's church, Port Royal, and Grace church, St. Mary's parish, Caroline county.*—Wm. Friend, Rector.—Communicants, added 8, removed 2, died 1—total 56; Marriages 3; Funerals 13; Baptisms 8. Contributions to various religious purposes, upward of \$300.

No material change has taken place in these churches since the last report, and their spiritual condition is healthy.

*St. John's church, Hanover parish, King George county.*—William Friend, Rector.—Communicants 6; Baptisms 3; Funeral 1.

The congregation in this church is at present small, but it is permanent and increasing. A neat brick church has been erected during the past year, and is now ready for consecration. Divine service is held in this church twice a month on Sunday evening, and on every fifth Sunday in the morning. Prospects are encouraging.

*St. James' church, Richmond.*—A. Empie, Rector.—Communicants, added 75, removed 14, died 2, withdrawn 1—total 150; only one of these is a colored person; Baptisms, adults 5 white and 1 colored, children 23—total 29; Confirmations 68, making, in the last 15 months, 69; Marriages 5; Funerals 15, only 6 of which belonged to the parish. Number of families 100, adults 264, children about 150. Amount of collections \$252 85.

The Sunday school has much improved, and has on its register 66 pupils. The church has been completed (the steeple excepted) at an expense of from 1100 to 1200 dollars. A parish library has been founded, comprising now between 300 and 400 volumes. Seven hundred dollars of our church debt has been extinguished, and the condition of the parish, temporally and spiritually, is still slowly improving. God be thanked for his goodness to our church and people.

*St. John's church, Henrico parish, Richmond.*—J. Horace Morrison, Rector.—The Rector has only had charge of this parish between two and three months. According to the best information he can obtain, the number of communicants, at the time of his taking charge of it, was 33. One has since been added, and one infant baptized. Seven were recently confirmed. There has been one funeral. The services held during lent were well attended, and it is hoped that they were instrumental in producing some degree of seriousness in the congregation. The Rector thinks the prospects of the church, on the whole, encouraging.

*Christ church, Richmond.*—George Woodbridge, Rector.—Communicants, added 27, removed 10, died 3—total 120; Baptisms, adults 6, (1 colored,) infants 24—total 30; Confirmed 36, (2 colored;) Marriages 4; Funerals 16.

The Rector would state, as a matter of interest and encouragement, that there are four very promising students from Christ church at this time at the Theological Seminary, preparing for ordination.

The congregation have raised, during the past year, about \$720; a part of which has been devoted to the repairs of the church edifice, the remainder to the general institutions of the church. A large part of this sum was raised by the zeal and exertions of the ladies.

*Monumental church, Richmond.*—Wm. Norwood, Rector.—Funerals 22; Marriages 11; Baptisms, adults 5, infants 48—total 53; Confirmed 68; Communicants, added 38, removed 16, dead 5—total 279. Contributions, to monument to Bishop Moore \$1,623, diocesan purposes \$500, missions \$246 61, charities \$335, Sunday school \$94 26, Theological Seminary \$164, Convention fund \$279, from Benevolent Society of Monumental church, for missions, \$55—total \$3,335 87.

*St. John's and St. Luke's churches, Kanawha parish, and Bangor and St. John's in the Valley, St. Mark's parish.*—James Craik, Rector.—Communicants, added 13, removed 1, died 1, withdrawn 1—total 68; Baptisms, adults 3, infants white 27, colored 3—total 33; Confirmations none; Marriages 2; Funerals 4; Families about 50; adults about 150, infants about 150. Amount collected for the different institutions connected with the church \$25.

[We reported something under this last head last year, but the Secretary or publisher of the Journal has omitted to state it. We cannot do much, but do not like to be published as altogether unmindful of our obligations.]

A part of the ground included in the above report is missionary; and I am happy to say, that if the "poor" had nearly "failed out of our churches," as was most sadly true, they are beginning, in one portion of this field, to return. On this account I have not attempted at one of these points to collect the conventional fund, or in any way to speak of pecuniary contributions.

*Littleton parish, Cumberland county.*—W. H. Kinckle, Rector.—Communicants, added 8, died 1—total 36; Baptisms, adults 2, infants 2—total 4; Confirmations 9; Marriages 3; Funerals 3; Contributions about \$100.

Since the last Convention a new church has been consecrated at Ca-Ira. It is built of brick, 38 by 48, with vestry room and a gallery for servants. Considerable interest is beginning to be felt by several individuals of the parish in behalf of servants. Two gentlemen have put up, at their joint expense, a neat and commodious chapel, near the dividing line of their plantations, for the instruction of their people. Another gentleman has a chapel in progress for the same purpose. And a third intends fitting up a spare room on his premises in which to have religious instruction imparted to them. The prospect of doing good among both bond and free in this parish, we think, encouraging.

*Lynnhaven parish, Princess Ann county.*—J. G. Hull, Rector.—Since the last Convention the number of communicants added is 21—total 32; Confirmed 16; Baptisms, adults 4, infants 30—total 34; Marriage 1; Funerals 3.

The prospects of this parish are surely brightening. Through the vigorous exertions of its members a flourishing Sunday school has been lately established, and the erection of a new church edifice is now in progress, to be completed in September next; when it is confidently believed the strength of the parish will be greatly augmented.

*Lexington parish, Amherst county.*—David Caldwell, Rector.—Communicants, added 10, removed 7, died 1—total 90; Baptisms, 9 infants; Marriages 5; Funerals 8.

There are in this parish four well attended congregations, and the religious state of them all is of such a character as to encourage the belief that the growth of our church in Amherst will be large and rapid.

*Martin's Brandon parish, Prince George county.*—Aristides S. Smith, Rector.—Communicants, added 12, removed 2, transferred to St. John's church, City Point, 6, died 1—total 23; Baptisms, adults 4, infants 8—total 12; Confirmations 5. Four other communicants were confirmed during the year in adjacent parishes. Funerals, 6 whites.

Amount collected for different institutions of the church \$76, and upwards of \$333 given to other benevolent institutions not strictly belonging to the church. Besides this, the parish has also erected a comfortable parsonage, in which the rector now resides, costing about \$1,400. The prospects of the church in this parish, (which, a few years since, had almost gone to decay,) the rector thinks are brightening.

*Report of E. B. McGuire, Missionary in Meherrin parish, Greenville, and Albemarle parish, Sussex county.*—Communicants added, white 6, (2 of these from other cures,) colored 7—total 26; Baptisms, 2 adults; Funeral 1.

These parishes have been without regular religious services for many years, and the present missionary commenced his labors in November last. He thinks that the ministrations of the Gospel have not been without usefulness. The religious instruction of the colored population occupies part of his time. A new church is in progress of erection, and will, it is hoped, be completed during the summer.

*Meade parish, Fauquier county, and Middleburg, Loudoun county.*—P. Slaughter, Minister.—Communicants, added 15, removed 2, died 1—total 40; Baptisms, adults 2, infants 5—total 7; Confirmations 9; Funerals 9.

The house of worship reported to the last Convention as being in contemplation at Middleburg, is now ready for consecration. Our grateful thanks are due to the Episcopalians of Norfolk for their noble contribution of more than \$300 to this edifice. One thousand dollars have been subscribed for a parsonage at Upperville; the completion of which we hope to have the pleasure of reporting to the next Convention. The demands upon our little flock for these works of internal improvement have necessarily curtailed their contributions to the general institutions of the church. In reviewing the brief history of this infant parish, the Minister finds many reasons for thankfulness and encouragement.

*St. John's church, Moore parish, Campbell county.*—S. D. Tompkins, Rector.—The whole number of Communicants 14; 1 Confirmation, and 1 Marriage.

There are only two Episcopal families living in the vicinity of St. John's. In these there are 8 adults and 10 children, and only 4 Communicants. The other friends and members of the church live at a distance from the place of worship.

I preach twice a month at St. John's, besides lecturing once a week. I also preach once a month at Brook Neal, and occasionally at other places in the county.

*St. Paul's church, Lynchburg.*—Thomas Atkinson, Rector.—Communicants, added since the last Convention 28, (of these, 2 were colored persons, and several were from other cures,) removed 13, died 2—total 116, including 1 omitted in last year's report; Baptisms, adults 9, viz: white 7, colored 2, infants 28, all white—total 37; Confirmations 24; Marriages 11, of these, 6 were white and 5 colored; Funerals 6.

The number of families belonging to the congregation could hardly be ascertained, there being no pews in the church, and the attendance of some families being only occasional.

There have been contributed to the various benevolent objects connected with the church \$376 25, besides contributions to other objects not supposed to be intended to be reported. It is believed that, in all respects, the church in Lynchburg is advancing, and likely to continue to advance.

*Nelson parish, Nelson county.*—Cleland K. Nelson, Rector.—Communicants, added 4, died 1—total 40; Confirmations 4; Baptisms, adults 2, infants 3—total 5; Marriage 1; Funerals 12. Contributions \$81.

*Christ church, New Port parish, Isle of Wight county.*—Thomas Smith, Rector.—Communicants, added 14, died 2, removed 3—total, (including 5 colored,) 55; Baptisms, adults white 2, infants white 10, colored 5—total 17; Confirmations, (1 taking place at Chuckatuck,) 15; Marriages, 1 white, 1 colored—total 2; Funerals, white 7. Collections for different institutions of the church \$116 04.

Remarks.—The condition of the parish pretty much as heretofore.

*Chuckatuck, lower parish of Nansemond.*—Thomas Smith, Rector.—Communicants, added 4, died 2—total 8; Baptism, 1 white infant; Confirmations, (omitting the one from Smithfield,) 3. Collections for different institutions of the church \$25 63.

Remarks.—No other special than the general one of encouragement. The Rector, about closing his eighth and last report from this portion of the Lord's vineyard, hopes to be indulged with the privilege of spreading on the Journal of the Convention a brief summary of his labors. He settled, in the year 1835, soon after his ordination, and has ever since continued in this most extensive and laborious mission. Admitting to the Communion about 100; presenting for Confirmation about 60; celebrating about 30 Marriages; Baptizing about 150; Burying about 130; and collecting for the various institutions of the church about \$550. These results have been coupled with the most cordial intimacy, the most unbroken harmony and uninterrupted friendship, of pastor and people. He has had his trials, heavy and grievous; but not at the hands or the lips of his charge. Notwithstanding the frequency of his calls to perform the funeral office, he does not know that one of his immediate flocks has departed this for the life to come without leaving behind a comfortable assurance of a happy exchange. His communions now consist of 63, of whom 18 are males and 45 are females; two or three are inclined to the ministry, and one has already entered it. At his first settlement he found only 11, and they in a very few families; he found no clergyman but one far advanced in years and infirm, from Portsmouth to Petersburg. Since then there have labored in the same bounds 6 others—3 of whom still occupy the ground, 1 has removed, and 2 have gone to their rest.

Heretofore the Rector has, single-handed, supported this interesting mission, spending out of his own substance what was requisite to that end. Having nothing more to spend, his affectionate interest in its spiritual well-being prompts him to leave, as a precious legacy, his first and only pastoral love to the nurturing care of Bishops' Convention and Diocesan Missionary Society. The field invites earnestly, and promises abundantly.

Number of Communicants in Smithfield 55, in Chuckatuck 8 (5 colored off)—total 58.

Heretofore paid for servants, improperly, \$5. Now to be raised by Smithfield and Chuckatuck \$53.

*Norborne parish, Berkeley county.*—Churches, Mount Zion, Hedgesville; and Trinity, Martinsburg.—James Chisholm, Rector.—Communicants, added 9, removed 6, died 1—total 94; (of the communicants added, 2 were from other parishes;) Baptisms, adults white 2, infants 8 white and 5 colored—total 15; Confirmations none; Marriages 5; Funerals 3. Number of families, added 70; adults 200, infants 120. Amount collected for institutions connected with the church \$40, for other benevolent objects \$16—total 56.

Remarks.—There are in the parish three church Sunday schools, containing, together, 100 pupils, and served by 20 teachers. In one of the schools there are classes of young colored catechumens, who are orally taught. By the aid of a devoted Lay Reader, the Rector is enabled to maintain constant services within the parish ten miles distant from either of the two parish churches. It is expected that the congregation at Martinsburg, which has been sometime without a stated place of worship, will, during the summer, enter their new church. In Mount Zion church, divine service is performed for colored congregations in the afternoon of every communion day.

*Trinity church, Portsmouth parish, Norfolk county.*—J. H. Wingfield, Rector.—Communicants, added 14, removed 8, died 5—total 100; Baptisms, adults white 6, infants white 13, colored 8—total 27; Confirmations, white 53; Marriages, white 3, colored 2—total 5; Funerals, white 7, colored 2—total 9. Number of families 74. Amount collected for the different institutions connected with the church: For missions \$100, for Bible society \$25, for Church in P. A. \$35, for communion plate \$27, for new organ \$600, for contribution to Convention \$100, besides for repairs and improvements of the church edifice and contingent expenses of congregation, at least \$600 more—total \$1,427.

The vestry, upon their own responsibility, have succeeded in greatly improving the internal arrangements and appearance of the church, by erecting new pews with three aisles, and putting up a handsome and fine-toned new organ, purchased of Mr. Erben for 1,000 dollars. The Rector feels much encouraged by these laudable efforts, and trusts they will be approved by the Great Head of the church as promotive of his glory. Sunday school still in operation, and, it is hoped, doing some good.

*St. Paul's church, Suffolk, Nansemond county.*—J. H. Wingfield, Rector.—Communicants, added 14, withdrawn 1—total 27; Baptisms, adults white 5, infants white 5—total 10; Confirmations 15. Number of families 20. No contributions except to Convention of \$15 68.



The prospects in this parish are more encouraging at this time than at any previous period since the present Rector has had it in charge; and he thinks it only requires more frequent and regular services, by a resident minister, to effect a large increase, both to the congregation and communion.

*Raleigh parish, Amelia, Dale parish, Chesterfield, and Grace church, St. James' parish, Peehahan county*.—P. F. Berkeley, Rector.—Communicants, added 8, removed 6—total 43; Baptisms, adults white 2, infants white 6, colored 1—total 9; Confirmations 9; Marriages 3; Funerals 8. Number of families 34: adults 117, infants 68. Amount collected for different institutions connected with the church \$214.

Grace church, in St. James' parish, has been completed and consecrated since the last report from that parish. The cost (1,450 dollars) has been paid or secured, with the exception of a sum less than 100 dollars.

*Russel parish, Bedford county*.—J. S. Marbury, Rector.—Since last Convention have been added to the Communion 25, several from other parishes, died 2, making the present number 106; Baptisms, adults 4, infants white 20, colored 1—total 25; Confirmations 24; Marriages 5, 2 of colored persons; Funerals 4. Amount of benevolent contributions \$145.

In addition to the contributions the Rector would add that the ladies of St. Stephen's church have, at the expense of \$220, presented to the church a neat service of plate. Also, that the gentlemen of same church are rebuilding it, in order to enlarge it for the increasing congregation.

*Roanoke parish, Halifax county*.—Jno. T. Clark, Rector.—Communicants, died 1, added 2—total 13; Funerals 2; Marriages 2; Families 10. Candidates for confirmation 1. Confirmation 1. Contributions about \$100.

A new church was finished last year, and consecrated by Bishop Johns, in which services are held once a month.

*Trinity church, St. Andrew's parish, Shepherdstown, Jefferson county*.—C. W. Andrews, Rector.—Communicants, added 3, died 1—total 36; Baptisms, infant 1. Number of families 35; parts of families 10. Parish library of 100 volumes. Amount collected since December, for different institutions connected with the church, \$225 64.

The Rector took charge of this parish in November last, and thinks it, although small, yet an interesting and promising field of labor. During the past year the congregation have erected a new church edifice, which they have furnished with an organ, bell, and clock, and they are out of debt.

*St. Andrew's parish, Branswick, and Bath parish, Dinwiddie county*.—Thomas T. Castleman, Rector.—Communicants added, white 20 (6 from other cures,) colored 9—total added 29; transferred to other cures 14, died 5, suspended 1—whole number 100; Confirmations, white 27, colored 13—total 40; Baptisms, white adult 1, colored 8, infants white 13, colored 4—total 26; Marriages 5; Funerals 22.

Amount contributed to benevolent institutions of the church \$105 62½.

*St. Ann's parish, Essex county*.—John P. McGuire, Pastor.—Communicants, added 2, removed 1, died 2—total white 28, colored 2; Baptisms, infants white 4; Marriages 3; Funerals 3.

*South Farnham parish, Essex county*.—Jno. P. McGuire, Pastor.—Communicants, added 6, removed 5—total 23; Baptisms, infants white 7, colored 19—total 26; Marriages 3; Funerals 2.

The usual collections for the different institutions connected with the church have been made. There has been an increased attendance upon the public services of the church, and an improving prospect for usefulness.

The religious interests of the colored population have attracted more attention. In one of the parishes the Rev. Mr. Temple labors for their benefit. Good has been already done, by the implanting of divine truths in minds greatly in need of such instruction, and it is hoped that it is the beginning of an important work.

*St. George's parish, Accomac county*.—Thos. W. Winchester, Rector.—Communicants 33; Baptisms, infants white 8, colored 7—total 15; Marriage 1; Funerals 4.

Nothing calling for special remark at present exists in reference to this parish. Up to the last six months it had been for some time vacant, consequently, no accessions have been made to the church since the last report. On the 18th of April the Rector was admitted to priest's orders in St. James' church, by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Johns, on the occasion of his visitation to the parish at that time. This is the first ordination ever held in the parish.

*St. George's church, Fredericksburg*.—E. C. McGuire, Rector.—Communicants, added 16, died 5, removed 18, withdrawn 2—total 150; Baptisms, adults 2, infants 22—total 24; Confirmations 15; Funerals 16; Marriages 8; Sunday schools 3; scholars 150; Bible classes 2; members about 60. Contributions to various benevolent objects, about \$1,000.

The Lord has sent down upon the congregation, through the past year, the healthful spirit of his grace, whereby a number have been quickened who were dead in sin, and others have been

enabled to persevere in holy living. It is also mentioned, with pleasure, that an unusual religious sensibility seems at this time to prevail among the people, from which, as some good fruit has already been realized, so more, it is humbly hoped, will be gathered in due season.

*St. James' parish, Mecklinburg county.*—F. H. McGuire, Rector.—Communicants, added 11, removed 3—total 73; Baptisms 3; Confirmations 19; Funerals 3. Amount contributed to the different benevolent institutions of the church \$221.

During the visit of the Assistant Bishop to this parish last fall, the church edifice at Boynton was consecrated, and a favorable impression made in behalf of the church.

*St. Margaret's church, St. Margaret's parish, Caroline county.*—William Friend, Rector.—Communicants, added 11—total 36; Baptisms, adults 4, infants 2—total 6; Funerals 6.

*St. John's church, and Christ church, St. George's parish, Spotsylvania.*—William Friend, Rector.—Communicants 27.

I have preached at St. Margaret's church regularly, since last September, on the Saturday preceding my service in Grace church. Attendance upon the service has, at all times, been large. Much interest in spiritual things has been manifested by the congregation during the past year. I have also given occasional services to the congregations in St. John's and Christ churches. The three churches which form one cure have been deprived of a pastor, during the last nine months, in consequence of the removal of the Rev. Mr. Falkner.

*St. James', Southam, and King William parishes, Powhatan county.*—J. A. Massey Rector.—Communicants, added 19, 2 from other cures—total 27; Baptisms, adults white 7 colored 1, infants white 7 colored 39—total 54; Confirmations 7; Funerals 2. Number of families 26. Amount collected for different institutions connected with the church \$50 37½.

The Rector adds, with gratitude to Almighty God, that his labors in this new and long-neglected field have been more abundantly blessed, during the past year, than he had any reason to expect. Prejudice and opposition, he thinks, are decreasing, and the present spiritual condition of the churches is such as to encourage hope. One new church is now under contract, and another will probably be commenced in the fall.

*St. James' parish, Northam, Goochland, and Fluvanna counties.*—Richard H. Wilmer, Rector.—Communicants, added white 8, colored 4—total 42; Baptisms, adults white 3, colored 4, infants white 5, colored 28—total 40; Confirmations 15; Marriages, white 2, colored 5—total 7; Funerals 4.

Amount collected for the different institutions connected with the church \$150.

*St. John's church, City Point.*—Malcolm Macfarland, Rector.—Communicants, added 5—total 14; Baptisms, adults white 2, infants white 6, colored 2—total 10; Confirmations 6; Marriages, white 1, colored 2—total 3; Funerals 5.

Amount collected for the different institutions connected with the church, about \$40.

*St. Mark's parish, Culpeper county.*—J. W. Woodville, Minister.—Since the last Convention 1 Communicant has died and 2 have removed from the parish, making the present number 10; Marriages 3; Funeral 1.

The congregations are regular and attentive.

*St. Stephen's church, St. Mark's parish, Culpeper county.*—Jno. Cole, Rector.—Communicants, added 8, (1 colored) removed 5, died 4—total 51; Baptisms, infants colored 13; Confirmations 5; Marriages 2; Funerals 6.

*St. James' church, St. Mark's parish, Culpeper county.*—Jno. Cole, Rector.—Communicants, added 4, removed 4—total 15; Baptisms, infants white 2, colored 2—total 4; Confirmations 6; Marriages 1.

Since my last report the new church (St. James') has been consecrated to the service of Almighty God. Services have, during the past, as in preceding years, been held in each of these churches for the colored people, and in St. Stephen's church these services have been well attended, and good, it is hoped, has been done. The contributions by the members of the church, to the various benevolent objects, have, for a few years past, been comparatively small; but it may be proper to remark that, during that time, some 25 or 27 hundred dollars have been raised for the building of St. James', and for repairs on St. Stephen's; and that this amount has been contributed almost entirely by the very few among us who have the ability to contribute any thing.

There have been contributed, during the past year, for foreign missions, by St. Stephen's church, \$11 50, and \$5 to the Education Society. By St. James' church, \$11 50 for Foreign Missions, \$5 for Diocesan Missions, and \$11 50 for the Education Society—total \$44 50.

*St. Matthew's church, Wheeling, Ohio county.*—Wm. Armstrong, Rector.—Communicants 100; Baptisms, adults 5, infants 20; Marriages 8; Funerals 8. Sunday school, 100 children, 18 teachers.

The Rector has nothing of special interest to report concerning the spiritual condition of his congregation. In common with many of the churches throughout the west, our means for rendering assistance to the benevolent institutions of the church have been seriously affected. The offerings of his congregation, however, though less in amount, are now as much, if not more, in proportion to the means of his people, than when times were considered favorable.

*St. Martin's parish, Hanover county.*—Wm. V. Bowers, Rector.—Communicants, added 12 (1 of whom was from another parish,) removed 1, died 1—total 72; Baptisms, adults 2, children 9—total 11; Confirmations 13; Marriage 1; Funerals 9. Number of families 46. Amount collected for different institutions connected with the church \$120.

One Sunday school, containing 7 teachers, and 50 scholars in average attendance, and a library.

The Rector had the pleasure of moving into a neat and comfortable rectory, on the 1st of July last, erected by his parish. There is still a debt against it.

St. Paul's church, at Hanover court-house, is still incomplete; but the prospect of completing it, this summer, for consecration, is fair.

The colored population are instructed on Sunday evenings by the Rector.

*St. Thomas' church, Orange county.*—J. Earnest, Rector.—Communicants, added 3, (1 from another cure,) withdrawn 1, died 1—total 44; Baptisms, adult 1, infants white 5, colored 4—total 10; Marriages 6; Funerals 6. Contributions to various benevolent objects \$105 31.

Since the last Convention, the congregation in Louisa of which the Rector has had charge, has been organized, and a parish formed. The number of Communicants within the bounds of the parish amounts to but 3 or 4; but small as is the number at present, the prospects for building up the church, in this destitute region, are encouraging. Contributions to institutions connected with the church \$156 27.

*St. Paul's church, Alexandria.*—J. T. Johnston, Rector.—Communicants, added 28, (7 from other cures,) removed 12, died 3—total 150; Baptisms, adults white 6, colored 1, infants white 39, colored 1—total 47; Confirmations, (2 from Theological Seminary,) 22; Marriages 5; Funerals 4. Sunday schools 2; superintendents 2; teachers 26; scholars 215. Amount collected for the different institutions connected with the church \$581 05.

*St. Paul's parish, King George county.*—John Martin, Rector.—Communicants, added 1, removed 1, died 2—total 27; Baptisms, infants 2; Marriages 3; Funerals 7; Number of families, in aggregate, 30.

Since the last report, the parsonage then alluded to has been built, and is now occupied by the minister. The church edifice has also been repaired and improved. The congregation continues good, and the hope is entertained that the work of the Lord will not cease to prosper among us. Several hundred dollars have been contributed for parochial purposes, and fifty dollars forwarded for missions. Children are regularly catechised. Occasional services not mentioned.

*Washington parish, Westmoreland county.*—Jno. Martin, Rector.—Communicants 5; Number of families about 20.

No building has yet been erected for public worship. The purpose, however, has not been abandoned, and there is good reason to suppose that, under a more suitable arrangement than at present exists, the church will increase, and become strong in this neighborhood.

*St. James' church, Shelburne parish, Loudoun county.*—George Adie, Rector.—Communicants, added 6, died 1, removed 1, withdrawn 1—total whites 80, colored 2; Baptisms, adult 1, infants 4; Marriages, 3 white, 2 colored—total 5; Funerals 12; Families 60. Amount collected for the different institutions of the church, about \$250.

The Sunday school is well attended; in which are occasionally visible some good fruits, growing out of the labors of pious and zealous teachers. Connected with this school, there is a colored department, in which Christian instruction is imparted to that too much neglected portion of our population. He still preaches, when his health will permit, at Belmont, Miss Mercer's school, twice a month in the year. He also preaches on the third Sunday in every month at Aldie, where there are 7 communicants.

*St. John's, Brooke county.*—J. L. Harrison, Rector.—Communicants, added 3—total 33; Marriages none; Burials, infants 2; Baptisms none.

*Christ church, Wellsburgh, Brooke county.*—J. L. Harrison, Rector.—Communicants, 2 added and 2 deceased—total 18; Marriages 4; Burials, 2 adults, 1 infant—total 3; Baptism, 1 infant.

My time has been equally divided, during the past year, between the parish of St. John's, in the centre of the county, and the parish of Christ church, Wellsburgh, with the exception of 4 Sundays, 2 of which were spent in the parishes in Ohio.

*Tillotson parish, Buckingham county.*—J. Horace Morrison, late Rector.—Communicants added, including 1 colored, 11, removed 9, withdrawn 1—total 33; Baptisms, adults (1 colored) 5, 2 infants—total 7; Confirmations, 17 colored; Marriages 2; Funeral, 1 colored.

*Walker's parish, Albemarle county.*—E. Boyden, Rector.—The congregations in this parish have increased. 2 Communicants have removed, 1 has died, 3 have been added—total 23; Baptism 1; Funerals 2. A Bible class for the young is, usually, well attended. A fund is being raised for rebuilding the church edifice. Contributions for benevolent purposes \$75.

*Christ church, St. Ann's parish, Albemarle county.*—E. Boyden, Rector.—In this parish there has been little change during the past year. Greatly blessed with temporal prosperity, many are forgetful of the due return to God of grateful and zealous service.

Baptism 1; Funerals 3; Communicants, 2 added and 1 removed—total 18. Contributions for benevolent objects \$50.

*Westover parish, Charles City county.*—W. T. Leavell, Rector.—Communicants, added 3—total 24; Baptisms, infants white 9, colored 2—total 11; Funerals, white 3, colored 5—total 8.

Amount collected for the different institutions connected with the church \$60.

The Rector would further report the completion of the parochial improvements mentioned in his report of the last year. The cost of these has pressed so heavily upon the church as to demand contributions, which, otherwise, would have been made to objects of benevolence. The prospects of the church are far more encouraging now than they have been at any former period since its reorganization in the county.

*West Russel parish, Bedford county.*—Nelson Sale, Minister.—Communicants, added 13, one from another parish—total 37; Baptisms, adults 3, white infants 4—total 7; Confirmations 9; Funeral 1. Amount collected for different objects connected with the church, about \$60.

The Minister is encouraged, from recent indications, to hope for the greatly increased prosperity of the church in his parish. Not only is the relative accession to the number of communicants very encouraging, but there are gratifying evidences of increasing zeal in our communion, as well as of the increased number of friends and supporters.

About 34000 have recently been subscribed for the erection of two new churches in the parish, in which there has been none hitherto. Upwards of \$3000 of which is to be appropriated to the building of a church in the town of Liberty, the county seat of Bedford; and the balance to the erection of one, ten or eleven miles north, in the country. It is hoped that both will be completed the ensuing autumn, or early next spring.

This most gratifying evidence of the success of the church in his parish, comparatively a new and feeble one, which, from its first organization, always paid out something to almost all the different institutions connected with the church, and never received the smallest aid from abroad, when viewed in connexion with the unparalleled pecuniary embarrassment of the country generally, the minister cannot but regard as extraordinary, if not almost unexampled in modern liberality.

*Wickliffe parish, Clarke county.*—Alexander Shiras, Rector.—Number of Communicants last reported 79, to these have been added 15, (three by removal from other parishes,) 3 have removed, and 4 have died, leaving the present number 87; Baptisms, adults 3 infant 1 colored—total 4; Confirmations 9; Marriages 10; Funerals 9. Families connected with the parish 46. Amount collected for parochial purposes about two hundred dollars. For different institutions connected with the church about the same.

Frequent indisposition has much hindered the rector in the performance of his duties during the past year. He has sown less of the seed of the Word, and received less of its precious fruits, than in any previous year. Still he is not discouraged. Tokens of the divine blessing are not utterly withheld; and his hope is that God's strength may be made perfect in his weakness.

*Woodville parish, Rockbridge and Botetourt counties.*—Wm. Bryant, Rector.—Communicants, number last reported 23, added since 28, (one from another parish,) removed 1, died 1—total 49; Baptisms, adults 9, infants 8—total 17; Confirmations 21; Marriage 1; Funerals 2.

The prospects before us in this parish, I am happy to be able to say, are encouraging. We are every day convinced more and more of the importance of our position. This will be seen when it is considered that, of the additions already made to our communion, a large proportion (more than one-half) are young gentlemen of promise from the different literary institutions in the vicinity; and may we not reasonably expect that similar accessions will in future be made from the same? Formerly the objection was made to Lexington, as a place of learning, that there was no Episcopal church established there, and Episcopalians desiring to improve its advantages for the benefit of their children, could only do so at a sacrifice of other and important considerations. This objection has now, in some measure, been removed; and parents may send their sons, and young men, already in the church, may come to Lexington with the assurance that their spiritual interests, in the bosom of their own church, will be duly provided for.

We are not, however, without our discouragements. The want of a church edifice has, we believe, somewhat retarded our progress. The court-house in which we worship being most unsuitable for the building up of a congregation, a proposition, made at the time of Bishop Meade's visitation, to proceed at once to the erection of a building, has been responded to with a zeal and liberality highly gratifying, and promising ample success. \$2,800 have been pledged, \$1,600 of which is from our own parish.

Aided by the proceeds of our Ladies Missionary Society in the parish, a lot has been purchased at an expense of \$400, and a building, estimated at about \$3,500, put under contract, to be completed and ready for consecration by May next.

Henry W. L. Temple reports: That, with the approval of Bishop Meade, his efforts have been directed to the religious instruction of the servants in the neighborhood in which he resides. The servants of one individual (who has afforded every facility for imparting religious instruction to them, and kindly furnished a house for the purpose,) are sufficient of themselves to compose a large congregation. Besides these, there are many others whose owners are pleased to have instructed in the truths of religion. From this favorable disposition on the part of masters, (and some of them not professors of religion,) there is reason to believe that God's hand is in the work, and that labor thus spent "will not be in vain in the Lord."

His plan has been to preach to the older servants in a plain and simple manner, suited to their understandings; to catechise the younger on the doctrines, precepts, and duties of the Christian religion; to teach them to repeat passages of Scripture, parts of the church service, and hymns adapted to their capacity.

It is pleasing to find how soon, and with what interest, these are enabled to go through such exercises; and it is encouraging to hope that the seed of divine truth thus sown may bring forth fruit unto eternal life.

## FORM OF PAROCHIAL REPORT.

*Report of*                      *Rector of*                      *church,*  
*(or of*                      *parish)*                      *county.*

Communicants—added                      ; removed                      ; died                      ;  
 suspended                      ;—total                      .

Baptisms—adults                      ; viz: white                      , colored                      ;  
 infants                      , viz: white                      ; colored                      ;—total                      .

Confirmations

Marriages

Funerals

Number of families                      , adults                      , infants                      .

Amount collected for the different institutions connected  
 with the church, \$

Remarks to be added by the Rector.

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NOTE.—The Clergy are respectfully requested to frame their Parochial Reports in strict conformity with the above form—the time and labor required in framing the abstract, and the importance of furnishing the Committee on Finance with a statement speedily as possible after the opening of the Convention, renders this request necessary. The Clergy are further requested, when not attending the Convention, to transmit their reports to the *Secretary*, otherwise he cannot be answerable for their omission in the Journal.

B. M. MILLER,  
*Secretary of Convention, and*  
*Rector of St. Paul's Church, Norfolk.*



Henrico parish, St. John's church, Richmond	1	10	33	5	24	1	30	7	4	16	400 00
Henrico parish, Christ church, Richmond	38	16	120	5	48		53	36	11	22	3335 87
Henrico parish, Monumental church, Richmond											
Kenawia parish, St. John's and St. Lukes churches, and Bangor and St. John's churches, St. Mark's parish	13	1	1	1	27	3	33	14	2	4	25 00
Leeds parish, Fauquier county	10		30	3	3		34	16	1	3	64 25
Lynchaven parish, Princess Ann county	21		32	4	30		8	8	5	1	
Leeds parish, Prince William county	7	1	1	1	7				5	1	
Lexington parish, Amherst county	10	7	90	2	9				6	7	
Lancaster parish, Richmond county	1	1	31	2	2			9	3	3	100 00
Lytleton parish, Cumberland county	8		1	2	2		4	5			76 00
Martin's Brandon parish, Prince George county	12	2	23	4	8		12	5	6	6	
Meherrin parish, Greenville and Albemarle parishes, Sussex county	6		36	2					1	1	
Meade parish, Loudoun county	15	2	1	2	5		7	9		9	
Moore parish, St. John's church			14					1			
Moore parish, St. Paul's church, Lynelburg	28	13	116	7	28	2	37	24	11	6	376 25
Nelson parish, Nelson county	4		1	2	3		5	4	1	12	
Newport parish, Christ church, Isle of Wight	14	3	255	2	10		17	15	2	7	116 04
Nansmond parish, Churchatuck	4		2		1			3			25 63
Norborne parish, Berkeley county	9	6	1	2	13		15	3	5	3	56 00
Portsmouth parish, Trinity church, Portsmouth	14	8	100	6	13		27	53	5	9	160 00
Overwharton parish, Aquia church											
Raleigh parish, Amelia, Dale parish, Chesterfield and St. James' Parish, Powhatan	8	6	43	2	6		1	9	3	8	214 00
Russell parish, Bedford county	25		106	4	20		1	25	5	4	145 00
Roonake parish, Halifax county	2		13						2	2	100 00
St. Andrews parish, Trinity church, Shepherdstown	3		1				1				22 64
St. Andrew's parish, Brunswick and Bath parish, Diawiddle county	20	9	5	1	13	8	4	26	5	22	105 62
St. Ann's parish, Essex county	2		28					40	3	3	
South Farnham parish, Essex county	6	5	29	4	7		19	26	3	2	
St. George's parish, Accomac county			32		8		7	15	1	4	
St. George's parish, St. George's church, Fredericksburg	16	18	150	2	22		24	15	8	16	1000 00
St. James' parish, Mecklenburg county	11	3	73		3			19	3	3	224 00
St. James' parish, Southern and King William parish, Powhatan	19		27	7	7	1	39	54	7	2	50 37
St. James' parish, Northern, Goodland, and Fluvanna	8	4	42	3	6	4	28	40	15	3	150 00
St. John's church, City Point	5		14	2	6		2	10	6	5	40 00
St. Margaret's parish, St. Margaret's church, Caroline county	11		36	4	2		6			6	
St. George's parish, St. John's and Christ church, Spotsylvania		2	27								
St. Mark's parish, Stevensburg, Culpeper county			1	5	20				3	1	
St. Matthew's parish, St. Matthew's church, Wheeling, Ohio county		1	100	2	9		11		8	8	120 00
St. Martin's parish, Hanover county	13		72	3				13	1	46	



# ABSTRACT—Continued.

## PARISHES AND CHURCHES.

PARISHES AND CHURCHES.	COMMUNICANTS.					BAPTISMS.				No. of families.	Contributions.		
	Added.		Removed.*	Suspended.	Died.	Total.	Whites.		Colored.			Total.	
	Whites.	Colored.					Adults.	Infants.	Adults.				Infants.
St. Mark's parish, St. Stephen's church, Culpeper county	8	1	5		4	51					13	13	} \$44 50
St. Mark's parish, St. James' church, Culpeper county	4		4		1	15					2	4	
St. Thomas' parish, St. Thomas' church, Orange county	3				1	44	1	5			4	10	581 05
St. Paul's church, Alexandria	28		12		3	150	6	1	30		1	47	50 00
St. Paul's parish, King George county	1		1		2	97		2					250 00
St. Paul's church, St. James' church, Leesburg	6	2		1	1	62	1	4			5	19	300 00
St. Peter's church, Port Royal and Grace church, St. Mary's parish, Caroline county	8		2			56					8		
Suffolk parish, St. Paul's church, Nansemond county	14					24	5	5			10	15	
St. John's parish, Brooke county	3					33							
St. Ann's parish, Christ church, Albemarle county	2		1			18			1			1	50 00
St. Tilghson parish, Buckingham county	11		9			33	4	2	1			2	
Walker's parish, Walker's church, Albemarle	3		2		1	23						17	75 00
Washington parish, Westmoreland county						5							
Westover parish, Charles City county	3					23					2		60 00
West Russell parish, Bedford county	13					37	3	4				8	60 00
Wickliffe parish, Clarke county	15		3		4	87	3	1			4	9	200 00
Woodville parish, Rockbridge and Botetourt counties	28		1		1	49	9	8			17	31	

## A LIST OF THE PARISHES OF THE DIOCESE OF VIRGINIA.

*with their respective*

## COUNTIES, CHURCHES, AND MINISTERS.

The Clergy will greatly assist the Secretary in completing the following list, which is here but imperfectly commenced, if they will at the next Convention insert in their Parochial Reports the names of the *counties, parishes, and churches* under their care.

PARISHES.	COUNTIES.	CHURCHES.	MINISTERS.
Accomac, Abingdon, Antrim, Augusta, Bath, Berkeley, Botetourt, Bristol, Boyden, Bloomfield,	Accomac, Gloucester, Halifax, Augusta, Dinwiddie, Spottsylvania, Botetourt, James City, Augusta, Madison,	St. Mark's, Trinity, Sapony, St. John's,	Charles Mann. John Grammer. T. T. Castleman. D. M. Whartop, William Hodges.
Bristol, Brunswick, Brunswick,	Prince George, Stafford, King George, Lexington, Pittsylvania, Harrison,	Piedmont, Trinity, St. Paul's, Lamb's Creek, St. Andrew's	N. H. Cobbs.
Camden, Clarksburg, { Cople, Lunenburg, N. Farnham, Christ church, Cumberland,	Westmoreland, Richmond, Lancaster, Lunenburg,	Christ, { St. James', St. Paul's,	W. N. Ward. Thomas E. Locke.
Cornwall, Christ church, Camden,	Charlotte, Middlesex, Pittsylvania,	Roanoke, { Danville and Competition, Sapony, St. James', { St. John's, Centurion, St. Paul's, Christ, Trinity, Christ, Buckmountain,	G. W. Dame. P. F. Berkely. John Towles. M. L. Chevers. B. M. Miller. U. Beall.
Dale, Dettingen, Elizabeth City,	Chesterfield, Prince William, Elizabeth City,	Christ church, { Christ, St. Paul's, Falls', Wickliffe, The Chapel,	R. K. Meade. W. Y. Rooker. C. B. Dana. J. T. Johnston. R. T. Brown.
Elizabeth, Frederickville,	Norfolk, Albemarle,		W. G. H. Jones.
Frederick, Fairfax, Frederick, Farnham, Franklin,	Frederick, Fairfax, Clarke, Richmond, Franklin,		E. Christian.

PARISHES.	COUNTIES.	CHURCHES.	MINISTERS.
Henrico,	Henrico,	{ Monumental, St. John's, Christ, St. James', King George C. H. Hungar's, Christ, }	Wm Norwood. J. H. Morrison. George Woodbridg A. Empie, D.D. William Friend.
Hanover,	King George,		
Hungar's,	Northampton,		J. P. B. Wilmer.
Hamilton,	Fauquier,		George Lemmon.
Haymarket,	Prince William,		
Kenawa,	Kenawha,	{ St. John's, } { St. Mark's, }	James Craik.
Leeds,	Fauquier,		
Lynnhaven,	Princess Ann,	{ Donation, and } { Chapel, } { Amherst C. H. } { New Glasgow, }	J. G. Hall.
Lexington,	Amherst,		D. Caldwell.
Lunenburg,	Richmond,		W. N. Ward.
Leeds,	Prince William,	St. Paul's,	W. H. Kinckle.
Lytleton,	Cumberland,		Philip Slaughter.
Manchester,	Chesterfield,		A. Smith.
Meade,	Loudon,		
Martin's Brandon,	Prince George,	Merchant's Hope,	
Meherrin,	Greenville,		S. D. Tompkins.
Moore,	Campbell,	{ St. John's, St. Paul's, Christ, Mill Creek, Brick, Christ, Trinity, Callaway, }	T. Atkinson.
Norborne,	Berkeley,		
Newport,	Isle of Wight,		
Nelson,	Nelson,		C. K. Nelson.
Nottoway,	Nottoway,		
Overwharton,	Stafford,	Aquia, Trinity,	J. H. Wingfield.
Portsmouth,	Norfolk,		
Petsworth,	Gloucester,	{ Trinity, St. Stephen's, }	J. S. Marbury.
Russell,	Bedford,	Grub Hill, Mt. Laurel,	P. F. Berkeley: J. T. Clarke.
Raleigh,	Amelia,		
Roanoke,	Halifax,		
St. James'	Prince William,		
St. George's,	Accomac,	{ St. James', and St. George's, }	Thos. W. Winchester
St. Anne's,	Albemarle,	Christ,	E. Boyden.
St. Andrew's,	Brunswick,	St. Andrew's,	T. T. Castleman.
St. Margaret's,	Caroline,	St. Margaret's,	
St. Mary's,	Caroline,	{ St. Peter's, Grace, St. Stephen's, —, }	W. Friend.
St. Mark's,	Culpeper		J. Cole.
St. Anne's,	Essex,		J. W. Woodville.
South Farnham	Essex,		J. P. McGuire.
St. James', Northam,	Goochland,	St. Paul's,	J. P. McGuire.
St. Martin's,	Hanover,		R. H. Wilmer.
St. James',	Mecklenburg,		W. V. Bowers.
St. George's,	Spotsylvania,		F. H. McGuire.
Shelburne,	Loudon,	St. George's,	E. C. McGuire, D.D
St. Andrew's,	Jefferson.	St. James',	George Adie.
St. Paul's,	King George,	Zion,	Alexander Jones.
Suffolk,	Nansemond,	St. Paul's,	J. Martin.
Southwark,	Surry,	St. Paul's.	J. H. Wingfield.
Southam,	Powhatan,	{ Peterville, Manakin,	J. A. Massey.
St. Thomas',	Orange,	St. Thomas,	Jos. Earnest.
	Brooke,	{ St. John's, church, Christ church,	J. L. Harrison.

PARISHES.	COUNTIES.	CHURCHES.	MINISTERS.
St. Matthews,	Ohio,	St. Matthew's,	William Armstrong.
Truro,	Fairfax,	Pohick,	
Trinity,	Louisa,		
Tillotson,	Buckingham,	{ St. Peter's,	
Walkers,	Albemarle,	{ Goodwin's,	E. Boyden.
Ware,	Gloucester,	Walker's,	Charles Mann.
Washington,	Westmoreland,		
Westover,	Charles City,		W. T. Leavell.
West Russell,	Bedford,		N. Sale.
Wickliffe,	Clarke,		A. Shiras.
Woodville,	Botetourt and Rock'ge,		W. Bryant.

# A LIST

## OF THE CLERGY OF THE DIOCESE OF VIRGINIA,

WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE

### PARISHES AND POST OFFICES.

✚ The Clergy who have recently entered the Diocese or removed from one part to another a requested when they present their Parochial Reports to the Convention to send in also the name of their respective Post Offices, if they expect them to be inserted in the following list.

## CLERGY.

Rt. Rev. Wm. Meade, D.D.  
 Rt. Rev. John Johns, D.D.  
 Adie, Rev. George  
 Armstrong, Rev. William  
 Atkinson, Rev. Thomas  
 Beall, Rev. Upton  
 Berkeley, Rev. Parke F.  
 Bowers, Rev. William V.  
 Boyden, Rev. E.  
 Brown, Rev. R. T.  
 Bryant, Rev. William T.  
 Castleman, Rev. Thos. T.  
 Caldwell, Rev. D.  
 Craik, Rev. James  
 Chevera, Rev. Mark L.  
 Chisholm, Rev. James  
 Clarke, Rev. John T.  
 Cobbs, Rev. Nicholas H.  
 Cole, Rev. John  
 Cooke, Rev. John  
 Cofer, Rev. James M.  
 Christian, Rev. Edmund  
 Dame, Rev. George W.  
 Dana, Rev. Charles B.  
 Doughen, Rev. James  
 Earnest, Rev. Joseph  
 Empe, D.D., Rev. Adam

Fried, Rev. William  
 Goodwin, Rev. Frederick D.  
 Goodwin, Rev. James  
 Grammer, Rev. John  
 Gibson, Rev. C. J.  
 Gillett, Rev. Charles  
 Hill, Rev. John H.  
 Hall, J. G.  
 Hodges, Rev. William  
 Harrison, Rev. J. H.  
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 Jackson, Rev. William G.  
 Johnston, Rev. James T.  
 Johnson, Rev. Wm. P. C.  
 Jones, Rev. Alexander  
 Jones, Rev. William G. H.

## PARISHES.

Shelburne parish,  
 St. Matthew's church, Wheeling,  
 St. Paul's church,  
 Christ church,  
 Raleigh and Dale parishes,  
 St. Martin's Parish, Hanover,  
 St. Ann's and Walker's parishes,  
 Fairfax parish,  
 Woodville,  
 { St. Andrew's parish, Brunswick, }  
 { and Bath parish, Dinwiddie, }

Kenawha parish,  
 St. John's church, Hampton,  
 Berkeley parish,  
 Mount Laurel church, Halifax,  
 St. Paul's church,  
 St. Stephen's church,  
 Officiating in Hanover,

Franklin,

Fairfax parish,

St. Thomas' church, Orange,  
 St. James' church,  
 { St. Margaret's parish, Caroline, & }  
 { St. John's ch'h, Berkeley parish, }  
 { Spottsylvania, }  
 { St. Peter's, Port Royal and Grace, }  
 { Caroline, }  
 Augusta parish,

Antrim parish,

Missionary,  
 Missionary,  
 Donation and Chapel,  
 Bruton parish,

Chaplain United States Navy.  
 St. Paul's church, Alexandria,  
 Pohick church, Fairfax,  
 St. Andrew's parish,  
 Frederick parish,

## POST OFFICES.

Millwood, Clarke.  
 Richmond.  
 Leesburg, Loudon.  
 Wheeling, Ohio.  
 Lynchburg.  
 Norfolk.  
 Wilkinsonville, Chesterfield  
 New Amsterdam, Hanover.  
 Everetttsville, Albemarle.  
 Prospect Hill, Fairfax.  
 Lexington.

Lawrenceville, Brunswick.  
 New Glasgow, Amherst.  
 Kenawha Court House.  
 Old Point Comfort.  
 Hedgesville.  
 Mount Laurel, Halifax/  
 Petersburg.  
 Culpeper Court House.  
 New Amsterdam, Hanover  
 Lynchburg.  
 Rocky Mount.  
 Danville.  
 Alexandria, D. C.  
 Lynchburg.  
 Orange C. H.  
 Richmond.

Spottsylvania C. H.

Port Royal.

Staunton, Augusta.  
 Point Pleasant, Mason.  
 Halifax Court House.  
 Petersburg.  
 Texas.  
 Athens, Greece.

Williamsburg.  
 Wallburg, Brooke.  
 Charlottesville.

Alexandria, D. C.  
 Alexandria, D. C.  
 Charlestown, Jefferson.  
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 McGuire, D.D., Rev. E. C.  
 McGuire, Rev. John P.  
 McGuire, Rev. Francis H.  
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 Nelson, Rev. Cleland K.  
 Newell, Rev. Chester  
 Norwood, Rev. Wm.  
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 Sale, Rev. Nelson  
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 Smith, Rev. Thomas  
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 Smith, Rev. George A.  
 Smith, Rev. Aristides  
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 Wilmer, Rev. Richard H.  
 Wilmer, Rev. J. P. B.

## PARISHES.

Lyttleton parish,  
 Westover parish,  
 Hamilton and Leeds parishes,  
 Cumberland parish, Lunenburg,  
 Abingdon and Ware parishes,  
 Russell parish, Bedford.  
 St. Paul's,  
 Prof. in Theol. Seminary of Va.  
 Frederickville parish,  
 St. Paul's church,  
 Missionary,  
 Henrico parish,  
 Agent Bible Society,  
 Martins Brandon parish, Prince Geo.,  
 St. George's church,  
 St. Ann's and St. Farnham parishes,  
 St. James' parish,  
 Nelson parish,  
 Chaplain U. S. Navy.  
 Monumental ch.,  
 Prof. in Theological Seminary of Va.  
 Missionary,  
 Chaplain to Military Academy,  
 Principal of the High School,  
 Frederick parish,  
 West Russell parish, Bedford,  
 Wickliffe parish, Clarke,  
 Meade parish,  
 Missionary,  
 Principal of Fairfax Institute,  
 Prof. in Theol. Seminary of Va.,  
 St. James' and St. Paul's churches,  
 Principal of Deaf & Dumb Asylum,  
 Moore parish,  
 { Cople parish, Westmoreland, and }  
 { Lunenburg and North Farnham }  
 { parishes, Richmond county, }  
 Botetourt parish,  
 Portsmouth parish,  
 Christ church,  
 St. Mark's parish,  
 St. George parish,  
 St. Paul's, Northam,  
 Hungar's parish,

## POST OFFICES.

Suffolk.  
 Ca Ira, Cumberland.  
 Charles City Court House.  
 Warrenton, Fauquier.  
 Alexandria, D. C.  
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 Theol. Seminary, Fairfax.  
 Gloucester Court House.  
 New London, Campbell.  
 King George Court House.  
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 Theol. Seminary, Fairfax.  
 Charlottesville, Albemarle.  
 Norfolk.  
 Cape Palmas, Africa.  
 Richmond.  
 Staunton, Augusta.  
 City Point, Prince Geo.  
 Fredericksburg.  
 Loretto, Essex.  
 Boynton, Mocklenburg.  
 Greenville co.  
 Millwood, Clarke.  
 Richmond.  
 Theol. Seminary, Fairfax.  
 Cape Palmas, Africa.  
 West Point, N. Y.  
 Theol. Seminary, Fairfax.  
 Winchester.  
 Davis' Store, Bedford.  
 Berryville, Clarke.  
 Upperville, Fauquier.  
 Cape Palmas, Africa.  
 Theol. Seminary, Fairfax.  
 Garysville, Prince Geo.  
 Norfolk.  
 Theol. Seminary, Fairfax.  
 Petersburg.  
 Miller's Tavern, Essex.  
 Milford Mills, Prince Wm.  
 Staunton, Augusta.  
 Pigeon Run, Campbell.  
 Warsaw, Richmond.  
 Big Lick, Botetourt.  
 Portsmouth.  
 Richmond.  
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 Pemberton, Goochland.  
 Eastville, Northampton.

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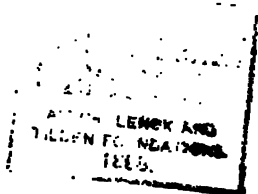
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**HELD IN ST. PAUL'S CHURCH,**  
**LYNCHBURG, CAMPBELL COUNTY, VIRGINIA,**

*On the 15th of May, 1844.*

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## PLACES FOR THE MEETING OF CONVENTION.

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**FREDERICKSBURG—Third Wednesday in May—1845.**

**PETERSBURG**                   “       “       “       1846.

**WINCHESTER**               “       “       “       1847.

**NORFOLK**                   “       “       “       1848.

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LYNCHBURG, *Wednesday, May 15, 1844.*

This being the day appointed by the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Virginia, for the meeting of the annual Convention of said Diocese, the Right Rev. William Meade, Bishop, and Right Rev. John Johns, Assistant Bishop, together with a number of the Clergy and Laity, assembled in St. Paul's Church, at 11 o'clock, A. M. Morning prayer was read by Rev. William N. Pendleton, and the Convention sermon preached by Rev. E. Boyden, from Eph. iv. 15.—“But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ.”

Divine service being ended, the Convention was called to order by the Right Rev. Bishop, presiding. The Secretary called the roll of Clergy entitled to seats, and the following gentlemen answered to their names, viz :

RT. REV. WILLIAM MEADE, D.D.

RT. REV. JOHN JOHNS, D.D.

REV. PARKE F. BERKELY,

“ WM. V. BOWERS,

“ E. BOYDEN,

“ WM. BRYANT,

“ O. BULKLEY,

“ D. CALDWELL,

“ JOHN T. CLARK,

“ JOHN COLE,

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“ GEORGE W. DAME,

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“ E. A. DALRYMPLE,

“ WM. FRIEND,

“ F. W. GOODWIN,

“ C. J. GIBSON,

“ WM. H. KINCKLE,

“ WM. T. LEAVELL,

“ THOS. E. LOCKE,

REV. CHARLES MANN,

“ J. S. MARBURY,

“ J. A. MASSEY,

“ RICHARD K. MEADE,

“ B. M. MILLER,

“ DR. E. C. MCGUIRE,

“ J. P. MCGUIRE,

“ FRANCIS H. MCGUIRE,

“ CLELAND K. NELSON,

“ WM. N. PENDLETON,

“ WM. H. PENDLETON,

“ ARISTIDES SMITH,

“ S. D. TOMPKINS,

“ J. H. WINGFIELD,

“ GEORGE WOODBRIDGE,

“ J. P. B. WILMER,

“ E. WITHERS,

“ J. W. WOODVILLE.

## RULES OF ORDER.

1. The Convention shall be opened every day with prayer.
2. When the President takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, & shall afterwards stand up, except to address the Chair.
3. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the Convention, he shall rise from his seat and respectfully address himself to the President, and shall confine himself to the question under debate and avoid personality.
4. If any member in speaking or otherwise transgress the rules of the Convention, the President shall, or any member may, call to order, in which case, the member so called to order *shall* immediately take his seat, unless permitted to explain and the Convention shall, if appealed to, decide on the case, but without debate and if there be no appeal, the decision of the Chair shall be submitted to; if the decision be in favor of the member called to order, he shall be at liberty to proceed; if otherwise, and the case require it, he shall be liable to the censure of the Convention.
5. When two or more members happen to rise at once, the President shall name the member who is first to speak.
6. No member shall speak more than twice to the same question without leave of the Convention, nor more than once, until every member choosing to speak shall have spoken.
7. Whilst the President is putting any question, or addressing the Convention none shall walk out of, or across the house—nor in such case, or when a member is speaking, shall entertain private discourse—nor whilst a member is speaking shall pass between him and the Chair.
8. No member shall vote on any question in the event of which he is immediately and particularly interested, or in any case where he was not present when the question was put.
9. Upon a division and count of the Convention on any question, no member without the limits allotted as seats of the members shall be counted.
10. Every member who shall be in the house when the question is put shall give his vote, unless the Convention, for special reasons, shall excuse him.
11. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be stated by the President, & being in writing, it shall be handed to the Chair, and read aloud by the Secretary before debate.
12. Every motion shall be reduced to writing if the President or any member require it.
13. After a motion is stated by the President, or read by the Secretary, it shall be deemed to be in possession of the Convention, but may be withdrawn at any time before decision or amendment.
14. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received but to adjourn to lie on the table, for the previous question, to postpone indefinitely or to a certain day, to commit to a committee, or to amend—which several motions shall have precedence in the order they stand arranged.

15. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, and shall be decided without debate.

16. The previous question shall be in this form—"Shall the main question be now put?" It shall be admitted only when demanded by a majority of the members present, and until it is decided, shall preclude all amendments and further debate on the main question.

17. On the previous question there shall be no debate.

18. When a question is decided by the Convention, or is postponed indefinitely, the same shall not be acted upon again during the session, without the consent of two-thirds of the members present.

19. Any member may call for the division of a question, where the sense will admit of it, but a question to strike out and insert shall be deemed indivisible.

20. No new motion or proposition shall be admitted under color of amendment, as a substitute for the motion or proposition under debate.

21. When a motion has been once made and carried in the affirmative or negative, it shall be in order for any member of the majority to move a reconsideration thereof, on the same or next day.

22. No member shall absent himself from the service of the Convention unless he have leave, or be sick and unable to attend.

23. The President shall, at his discretion, select suitable seats without the limits of those pews allotted for the use of the members, which shall be appropriated to the exclusive accommodation of visiting clergymen and candidates for orders, who may be invited by the rector or wardens of the church in which the meetings of the Convention are held, under the direction of the President of the Convention; it being expected that those to whom such seats are appropriated will confine themselves to the same.

24. No spectator shall, during the daily sessions of the Convention, be admitted above or within the pews allotted to the members of the Convention, and it is expected and hoped that not only the spectators will attend to this regulation, but that the rector and wardens of the church in which the sessions of the Convention are held will see that this rule of order is not violated.

25. There, shall on the *second* day of the Convention, be appointed by the President, unless otherwise directed by the Convention, the following standing committees, to consist of an equal number of each order:

A committee on the State of the Church, to whom shall be referred the addresses of the Bishop and Assistant Bishop on the opening of the Convention.

A committee on the Fund for the Support of Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen.

A committee on the Episcopal Fund.

A committee on the Accounts of the Treasurer of the Missionary Society.

A committee on Parochial Reports.

A committee on the Admission of New Parishes.

A committee of Elections.

A committee of Finance consisting of laymen.

26. The credentials of the Lay Delegates shall be handed in to the Secretary, and be by him read to the Convention, and if it shall appear that there is any doubt

as to the right of any delegate to his seat, the same shall be referred to the committee of Elections, to be by the said committee forthwith examined in reported upon to the Convention.

27. When three members require it, the vote on all questions shall be by yeas and noes.

28. None of the rules of Order shall be suspended without the concurrence two-thirds of the members present.

29. The business first in order after the organization of the Convention shall be the reading of the Pastoral Addresses, Parochial Reports and the Proceedings of the Standing Committee.

The Rev. Mr. Dana, and Messrs. Cassius F. Lee and Thos. Ambler, have been appointed to examine the certificates of Lay Delegates, and report the names of those entitled to seats in the Convention, viz :

William Radford, Russell parish.

Dr. S. H. Tucker, St. Andrew's parish.

Dr. Thomas Meaux, Grace church, Powhatan.

Cassius F. Lee, Fairfax parish.

Samuel Pryor, Bath parish.

Wm. Nelson, Frederick parish, Clarke county.

Samuel Peebles, St. Paul's church, Petersburg.

Richard H. Cunningham, St. John's church, Culpeper.

John Nelson, St. James' Parish, Mecklenburg.

James Galt, St. James' parish, Northampton.

Benj. M. Jones, Grub Hill church, Raleigh parish, Amelia.

Samuel H. Lewis, Boyden parish.

Philip A. Bolling, Tillotson parish, Buckingham.

Chas. D. Slaughter, St. John's church, Moore parish.

Henry W. Bowyer, St. Mark's church, Botetourt parish.

Nelson Page, Lyttleton parish, Cumberland.

Roger B. Atkinson, Cumberland parish, Lunenburg.

Philip Nelson, St. Martin's parish, Hanover.

John L. Bacon, Christ church, Richmond.

Charles H. Cabiness, Antrim parish, Halifax.

Dr. Thos. Withers, Meherrin parish, Greenville.

Samuel Poindexter, Jr., St. Paul's church, Lynchburg.

Chas. J. Merriweather, Christ church, Charlottesville.

William Williams, Monumental church, Richmond.

Dr. R. W. Boyster, St. James' parish, Powhatan.

Geo. M. Carrington, St. John's church, Henrico parish.

John Henry, Roanoke church, Cornwall parish.

Edward S. Pegram, Christ church, Norfolk.

Thos. M. Ambler, Leeds church, Fauquier.

Wm. W. Donaghe, Trinity church, Staunton.

Anderson Wade, Camden parish, Danville.

Wm. M. Waller, Lexington parish Amherst.

Wm. Stevens, Woodville parish, Botetourt and Rockbridge.

Geo. W. Bassett, St. Paul's parish, Hanover.

The Convention adopted the following resolutions, offered by Mr. W. Williams :

*Resolved*, That at this and all future Conventions, when the Treasurer is not a member, there shall be appointed a *Treasurer pro. tem.*, whose duty it shall be to receive the contributions to the Contingent Fund, and, after paying the expenses of the Convention, to hand the balance to the Treasurer, with an account of his receipts and disbursements, and a list of the churches which are in arrears and the amount due from each, including arrearages for previous years, which account and list shall first be examined by the Committee of Finance, and be embodied, if found correct, in their report to the Convention, and form part of the Journal.

*Resolved*, That it shall be the duty of the Treasurer, as soon as he receives the foregoing account, to make application for payment to the delinquent churches, and if not paid, to report them with the amount due from each to the ensuing Convention.

Mr. Edw. S. Pegram was then appointed *Treasurer pro. tem.* under the provisions of the foregoing resolutions.

Col. Carrington presented a petition from the vestry of St. Paul's Church, Richmond, for admission into the Diocese.

Rev. Mr. Dalrymple presented similar petitions from the vestries of St. David's church, King William ; St. Peter's parish, New Kent ; and St. Paul's parish, Hanover.

The Rev. Messrs. Jno. McGuire and Woodbridge, and Gen. Lewis, were appointed the Committee on new parishes, who, having taken the aforesaid petitions into consideration, reported favorably thereon, and recommended the reception of said church and parishes : they were received accordingly.

Mr. Lee moved the adoption of the rules of order of the last Convention, with the exception of the 25th rule, which he proposed to amend, by making it read, "on the second day," instead of "on the first day,"—concurred in.

The Convention adjourned to meet to-morrow, at 9 A. M.

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#### THURSDAY, MAY 16, 1844.

The Convention met agreeably to adjournment, at 9, A. M., and was opened with prayer by the Right Rev. Assistant Bishop.

The Rev. Messrs. Sale, Towles, and Richmond appeared and took their seats in Convention.

Dr. Wm. S. R. Brockenbrough, of St. David's parish, King William ; and Dr. Joseph F. Montgomery, of Nelson parish, presented their certificates and were admitted to seats in the Convention.

The Right Rev. Bishop Meade read the following report of his Episcopal acts during the past year.



## BISHOP MEADE'S REPORT.

*Report and Address of Bishop Meade to the Convention of the Diocese of Virginia, at Lynchburg, May 15th, 1844.*

DEAR BRETHREN: Let us be thankful to the Great Head of the Church, that we, a small portion of it, are permitted once more to meet together and commune about the affairs of our Zion. May the spirit which presided in the councils of the blessed apostles be with us in due measure, according to our need, that ourselves individually, and the cause entrusted to us may be benefitted by our meeting together.

More brief than usual must be the report of my bodily exercises during the past year, and yet, through the goodness of God, they have been greater than I had reason to think probable at our last meeting. In compliance with your request, made in a manner most gratifying to my feelings, I refrained from some duties to which I was pledged immediately after the last Convention, and sought the improvement of my health from the rest of a few months. So far was I, through the goodness of God, successful in this, that I have been enabled, besides a larger amount of correspondence and other writing than usual, to spend not less than five months in active duty; though still unable to discharge as formerly the office of preacher from the sacred pulpit, being obliged to content myself with more brief exhortations from the chancel. In consequence of this, my inability, the brethren kindly gather together in the parishes which I visit, and most effectually supply my lack of service by the abundance and fidelity of their ministrations, so that I am not sure but my loss of health is turned to the church's gain.

I shall not pursue the usual method of mentioning each congregation visited, and the number of services performed, but only state the counties and towns where services were rendered, with a statement of certain special Episcopal acts.

The counties visited during the present year, are Fairfax, Jefferson, Berkeley, Culpeper, Madison, Orange, Albemarle, Nelson, Amherst, Louisa, Spottsylvania, Princess Anne. The towns are Alexandria, Winchester, Richmond, Petersburg, Norfolk, Portsmouth and Fredericksburg. Two or three days have been usually devoted to each congregation. The new churches consecrated have been, one in Martinsburg, one in Albemarle, one in Amherst, and one in Princess Anne. The confirmations have been only two hundred and thirty-five, being almost entirely in the country parishes; my brother, Bishop Johns, having held the confirmations in the towns visited by us both, as well as in the country parishes visited by himself alone. The ordinations of this year have been, three to the Deaconship in Richmond immediately after the Convention, viz: Messrs. Smith, Noel, and Packard; seven in Alexandria, in July, at the close of the session of our seminary, Messrs. Pendleton, Dalrymple, Richmond, Goode, Page, Withers, and Wilmer. I also admitted to the priesthood, on the 19th of November, the Rev. Mr. Gibson, in the Missionary Chapel, at Petersburg, and within the last few weeks, Mr. Henning, at the seminary, to the Deaconship as Missionary to Africa. I have also been enabled during the last year, to spend a few weeks this spring, in delivering some lectures to the senior class of our seminary, endeavoring to prepare them for entering with a right spirit upon those solemn duties which are before them. I have had the

pleasure of admitting as candidates for the ministry the following persons—Messrs. Wild, Banister, Holcombe, Norton, Smith, Lay, Sprig, Woodward, Brown, Theobald, Stearns, Mulchahey, Webb, Bolton and Cobbs.\*

I have received by letters dismissory the Rev. Mr. Richmond of Rhode Island, Dr. May from Pennsylvania, Mr. Bausman from Delaware, Mr. Bulkley from Maryland, Mr. Ufford from Ohio, Mr. Disbrow from North Carolina.

I have transferred to the Diocese of Georgia, the following candidates for orders, Mr. J. Smith, (since ordained by the Bishop of Georgia,) Mr. Williams of Richmond, and Mr. Shanklin, the two latter having left our seminary on account of ill health.

I have given letters dismissory to the Rev. Mr. Tillinghast to the Diocese of South Carolina, the Rev. Messrs. Page and Brown to the Diocese of Georgia, the Rev. Richard and George Wilmer to the Diocese of North Carolina, the Rev. Mr. Atkinson, Mr. Todd, Johnson and Shiras to the Diocese of Maryland, the Rev. Mr. Cobbs to the Diocese of Ohio.

In addition to the above mentioned removals from one field of this earth's labors to another, I have to record the removal of one of our beloved fellow-laborers in the Lord's vineyard to the rich fields of glory above. The Rev. Mr. Hull, who, for a short period, so faithfully performed his ministerial duties in the County of Princess Anne, died during the present spring in one of our Northern cities, triumphing in that faith which had sustained him during a long and painful illness.

Nor can I omit here to record the death of an old and most valuable Layman, who, from the very first efforts made to resuscitate the church of Virginia, has, as member of our Standing Committee, and of our Conventions, rendered us, we must all acknowledge, more services than any other in the Diocese.

It was my privilege to witness the last moments of my old and most esteemed friend, Mr. Edmund I. Lee, and to hear from his own lips, the assurance that he died firmly relying on the merits of our blessed Lord.

Concerning the above ordinations, admissions to candidateship, transfers and removals to and from our Diocese, it will be as little as I can do, to remark that while we have great cause for thankfulness, that God has put it into the hearts of so many to give in their names for the sacred office, and that he has directed the steps of some worthy brethren already in the ministry to come to our assistance and enter upon fields which have become vacant amongst us, yet must it be a matter of serious concern, that during the last year, far more than at any previous period of the same, or, indeed, much larger extent, our Diocese has been deprived, by removal, of those from whom we either have received, or expected most valuable services in the ministry.

One of these, whose name I need not mention, either here, or any where in Virginia, has almost, from the first efforts at resuscitating the church in Virginia, been laboring amongst us in the most faithful, disinterested, self-denying and acceptable manner, so as to endear him to all hearts. Others there are, who, for a shorter period, have been following his example, and by the laboriousness of their ministry, the acceptableness of their public services, and the kindness of their private intercourse, have secured the blessing of Heaven on the congregations which they served, and obtained an enviable place in the affections of their people.

\* Since the above was delivered, I have heard with deep regret, that Mr. Holcombe has been obliged to desist from a fondly cherished purpose by bodily infirmity.

They, doubtless, followed what seemed to them the path of duty, and let us hope and pray that peace and happiness, and even greater usefulness may attend them whither they have gone.

The removals of so many of our brethren, and of some of them from very important positions, has, of course, led to other removals; and these again to more in order to supply the vacancies created, so that our Diocese during the past year has been the subject of more ministerial changes by far, than I have ever known it to be. Although I grant that changes are sometimes beneficial, yet I cannot but take this opportunity of warning both my brethren of the Clergy and the Congregations, against their too easy and frequent occurrence. The ministers of God are shepherds and husbandmen, and we all know that frequent changes in both of these occupations must be injurious to the flocks and the fields. How can the sheep know the voice of a stranger as they know the voice of the shepherd, who has led them from year to year into the green pastures, and by the still waters, or gives them the alarm when the wild beast is ready to devour them? As to the husbandman, if he be only a tenant at will, or rector for a year or two, and not the owner, or tenant for life, how can it be expected that he will adopt all the proper means for improvement. He who thinks it probable, that he will spend many years on the farm, will build houses, plant trees, enclose gardens and fields, and enrich the same, looking forward to the future enjoyment of them; otherwise, how probably will he neglect all these, seeking only the profit of the present, or a few succeeding years. When the spiritual husbandman, the cultivator of immortal souls, takes charge of the same, and can look upon the children whom he baptizes as those whom he is soon to catechize, and then present to the Bishop for confirmation, and receive to the Lord's Supper, and some of whom he may marry, others of whom he may bury, and all of whom he is to watch over during life, and then give an account of them to God on the awful day, how powerful the inducement to enter upon a regular course of duty—a system for life—and apply every art whereby to make full trial of his ministry, and thus, not only save himself, but all who belong to his charge! On the contrary, let him only regard himself as the incumbent of a year or two, and no matter how faithful and conscientious he may be, who does not see how many encouragements to systematic and effective effort are withdrawn?

A smaller farm, well cultivated for many successive years, by the same owner, or tenant, will be more improved, and yield more valuable fruit, than a number of larger ones cultivated for a brief period by one who roves from place to place in quest of gain, or from the love of change, and so it is with the Lord's vineyards and husbandmen. I hope my brethren will not understand me as questioning the entire disinterestedness of many in the changes which they make, or the duty of conscientiously inquiring what is right when called to change their field of labor. I only mean to warn them and their congregations against a propensity to change, and I do it now, because, during the present year, many changes have been made in a Diocese hitherto remarkable for the permanency of her ministers. If changes are made without sufficient reasons, the displeasure of Heaven may well be feared; and many a minister who, from fickleness, or ambition, has left some useful field of labor, has seen cause deeply to lament the act; while many a congregation, which, by neglect, or caprice, or opposition to the truth, has driven some faithful men of God away from them, have either been deprived for a long time of religious services, or else been visited with the sore calamity of an unworthy successor.

While thus warning and remonstrating against a disposition to hasty changes, and stating the increased number of removals in this Diocese during the past year, I must not omit to mention, with thankfulness, that valuable source of ministerial supply which we have in our Theological Seminary. In the time of our greatest need, it seems to promise us greater help than at any previous period, if not in the present, yet in the coming year. Its number of students, coming from all parts of our country, but particularly from Virginia, exceeds that of any previous year, and promises to be yet larger during the next term. While this must be a subject of rejoicing and thankfulness to all its friends, it becomes me to state, most emphatically, that it should be the occasion of something else—I mean of increased zeal and liberality, in order to meet increased expenses in doing our part towards preparing for the work of the ministry those whom God's spirit has called to it. If God has laid necessity upon greater numbers to seek the honor and duty of the ministry, he lays a proportional necessity upon the whole Church, to provide for their due preparation.

Hitherto, God has so blessed our efforts at supporting both professors and students with annual contributions, aided by a fund, whose interest is only a little more than sufficient for one salary, that we have not permitted the institution to suffer for the want of instruction, or a needy candidate to be turned away for the want of food, and lodging, and tuition; but the time has come when, in the opinion of those most attentive to its concerns, it would be, not a proper reliance on, but tempting of Providence any longer to postpone judicious and active efforts at securing an increase of our permanent fund for the support of our professors, instead of relying so much on annual contributions. The great increase of our own Diocesan expenses in the support of the Bishops and missionaries—the increasing families of the ministers requiring more support from their parishioners—the greater number of our beneficiaries at the High School and Seminary—the pressing demand of our General Missionary Society—all these, more or less, interfere with the regular annual contribution to the support of our Professors, and render it very desirable that we should have some more permanent source of supply. We must believe that there are many in our Diocese, both willing and able to contribute to this object, from a deep conviction that there is no institution in the church which has such claims on their pious liberality, whether they regard what it has done, is doing, or is likely to do in time to come.

And may we not most reasonably look for assistance elsewhere? When we remember with pleasure how many young men have come from all parts of our country to receive the benefits of this institution from its first establishment, and have gone back again to their several places of abode, and are now preaching the Gospel in every State of the Union; when we think, with gratitude to God, how his unmerited grace has honored and blessed it to be the nursery of almost all our foreign missionaries, and how dear it is on that account to many hearts, we must believe that there are individuals in every part of our country who only require to be informed of its history, its character and needs to make a free-will offering to it.

Most heartily do we rejoice to hear of the liberality of the wealthy throughout our land towards the various institutions in the younger and weaker States, which from time to time have appealed to that liberality, but we must say, that whether we consider what our institution has done for the whole church and that world which we would seek to Christianize, or what it bids fair to do, if properly supported,

none has an higher claim on the sympathy and generosity of those who have received its benefits, or wish them to be dispersed abroad. But while thus inviting a just return from others, we would not fail to urge the duty and the honor of a continued and increased zeal and liberality to this favored instrument of our church on those who have hitherto sustained it.

We would rather entreat them while living, and when dying, to ask themselves the solemn question, how can we give or bequeath a portion of our worldly property more acceptably to Heaven and profitably to man, than by contributing to the permanent endowment of the Theological Seminary of Virginia, and thus rescuing it from those embarrassments and vicissitudes to which institutions, entirely dependent on public favor, are exposed.

This brings me to another subject in which all our institutions are interested, and which must not be passed over in silence. I allude to the resolution adopted at our last Convention, to petition, in common with other denominations of our State, for some legislative act enabling our literary, benevolent and religious institutions to exercise, under proper restrictions, the right of receiving and holding property; a right so freely granted to individuals and associations in the pursuit of any mere secular object.

The Committee to whom the execution of the above mentioned resolution was committed, in the exercise of that discretion which was allowed to it, on conferring with some judicious and zealous friends, thought it best to decline a direct petition to the last Legislature, hoping that so moderate and reasonable a measure as that which was wished, and one so accordant with the unsolicited action of the Legislature of forty-one and two, might be obtained by the simple motion of some member of the house. In this hope, however, we have been disappointed, and the pious and benevolent Christian who is about to depart this life, and desires to bequeath a portion of his estate to some beloved institution of religion, learning and humanity, must still, as heretofore, leave it in the painful uncertainty of not knowing whether it shall be faithfully applied to the intended object, or whether his last and pious effort at beneficence is not to prove a temptation to relatives who had also shared in his living and dying kindness, to be guilty of the crime of defeating the intention of the deceased, and robbing religion, humanity and literature, of those means of support which were given them under the most sacred sanction of a testament. Such, I say, is the temptation held out to sacrilege by the absence of any such provision in the State of Virginia, as that which is now desired, as I believe, by the Christians of all denominations amongst us; a provision which we believe, after no slight examination, has been refused by no other State in our American Confederation.

Although thus disappointed in our effort during the last Convention of our State Legislature, yet so far am I from advising a relinquishment of the object, or despairing of success, that I never felt so disposed to pursue the same, and never felt so much confidence of final success, as at the present moment. Until I am persuaded that the citizens of Virginia are a different race of beings from those of all other States, and can never, by any information furnished them, be brought to take the same views of religious rights with all other Americans, I will never believe that the trembling apprehensions of our Legislators, by which they justify themselves in refusing such provision, have any other foundation than the mere want of information among their constituents. Let that information be furnished, and Virginians will act like all other Americans, and will be as forward

instruct their delegates to see that there be true religion as well as civil liberty amongst us, and that the rights of all our citizens, whether in promoting religious or other objects be duly protected. Virginia will never submit to the stigma of holding out a temptation and a bribe to the worst kind of fraud—a robbery of the Church of God—to the most shocking act of filial impiety—the refusal to pay a father's or mother's dying legacy, under the sanction of the criminal silence of our law. So deeply impressed am I with the importance of taking the most effectual steps for the removal of this foul blot from the character of our State, that I hereby pledge myself to unite with my Fellow Christians of other denominations in a resolution to engage in this effort, with the determination never to abandon it, if life is spared, until the object is attained, or it be manifest that it is unattainable. I have, however, the most pleasing confidence, from intercourse with ministers and members of the most numerous and influential denominations of Christians in Virginia, that nothing is wanting but union on our part, in the application and proper measures for spreading information among the people. That union will, I believe, take place, and that information will be afforded.

Although the Committee appointed by the last Convention, has power to renew its effort without further instruction, yet I should think it advisable to add some renewed expression of the sentiment of our body. Other bodies have already, in some form, evinced their readiness to join in this measure, and will, I have reason to believe, be prepared to unite with us in a direct petition to the next meeting of our General Assembly.

(The Bishop then proceeded to deliver an address, disproving the charge of Romanism, now so freely brought against our Church, and which is published repeatedly.)

The hour for Divine Service having arrived, the Convention adjourned, and again assembled immediately thereafter, when the Right Rev. Assistant Bishop presented and read the following Report and Address :

## BISHOP JOHNS' REPORT.

In compliance with the requisition of the canons, I proceed to furnish a statement of the services in which I have engaged since our last Convention.

Immediately after its adjournment, I visited the churches in Charles City, under the care of the Rev. Mr. Leavell. Leaving Richmond early on the 26th of May, I reached Wyanoke in time to take part in the services of the morning, and after a sermon by the Rev. Mr. Mann, delivered an address to the congregation. The next day I preached in the same church in the morning, and in the afternoon again after the Rev. Mr. Mann.

*May 28th.*—At Westover I baptized two infants—preached—confirmed nine persons, and united with the Rector and the Rev. Mr. Mann in the administration of the Lord's Supper.

*May 29th.*—I returned to Richmond.

*June 1st.*—I left town to visit the parishes bordering on the Rappahannock. I commenced my services by preaching that night in St. George's Church, Fredericksburg; where I also preached twice the next day, and confirmed thirteen persons.

*June 3rd.*—Passed to the churches in Caroline. Preached in Grace Church, and confirmed four persons.

*June 4th.*—Preached in the morning in St. Peter's, Port Royal, and united with the Rector in the administration of the Lord's Supper. In the afternoon, lectured on confirmation, and confirmed seven persons. At night I delivered an address to the same congregation.

*June 5th.*—Preached in Vauter's Church, Essex, and confirmed three persons.

*June 6th.*—Officiated in the same church, being aided in the services by the Rev. Mr. Friend. The rest of the day was occupied by a ride of twenty-eight miles to King William, in the vicinity of St. David's, where I preached the next morning, and in the afternoon returned towards Essex.

*June 8th.*—Preached in St. Paul's, Essex, and confirmed five persons; and on 9th, after a sermon by the Rev. Mr. Friend, I again addressed the congregation.

*June 10th.*—At Tappahannock I lectured at 6 A. M., and preached at 11 A. M. The rest of the day was occupied in reaching the neighborhood of Urbana.

*June 11th.*—I consecrated Christ Church, Middlesex, and preached. This building first erected at least a century since, had become a complete ruin—the roof gone—the walls crumbling, and so entirely deserted, that trees had grown up where the people had formerly worshipped. During the ministry of the Rev. Mr. Rooker in this and the adjoining county, the interest of the few Episcopalians remaining in that region revived, and led to the adoption of measures for repairing the desolations of the sanctuary of their ancestors. I found it rebuilt and finished in a manner highly creditable to those by whose zeal and liberality the work had been accomplished. Before leaving the parish, I had the pleasure of seeing another evidence of the same excellent spirit in the prompt subscription of a sum, which with a small addition from the missionary fund of the Diocese, has enabled this congregation, in connexion with the church in Matthews, to secure the services of a minister. The Rev. Mr. Good has since been engaged, and is now officiating in those counties.

*June 11th.*—In the evening I crossed the Rappahannock at Urbana, and spent the night at Col. Chewning's. The next morning, June 12th, Col. C. kindly sent me about eight miles down the river, and up one of its tributary streams to a landing, from which, by a walk of about a mile, I reached Christ Church, Lancaster. If my only object had been to view this specimen of the early churches of East Virginia, I should have been amply compensated. It is certainly the most imposing edifice of its kind which I have been privileged to visit. It stands in the midst of a grove of most majestic oaks. In form, it is a Grecian Cross. Its massive walls—heavy door-ways and windows—its ground ceilings—the richly wainscoted portion of the building appropriated for the chancel—with its deep panneling and cornice of walnut—the baptismal pew at the opposite entrance, with its elaborately wrought marble font and canopy—the pulpit and reading desk, and clerk's seat, all within the same enclosure, at one of the angles of intersection—the high pews—lofty galleries, &c.—presented an appearance rare in those days—honorable to the original occupants, whose remains slumber under the sculptured tombs around, and also to their successors, whose reverential care has guarded that noble building, and preserved it unimpaired. Though at present this church is inconveniently situated for the Episcopal population, and though it had been for some time without a Rector, I found a large congregation assembled for worship. The Rev. Mr. Ward joined me at this place and read the morning service. I baptized two in-

nats—preached and confirmed two persons. Since my visit the congregation have secured the services of the Rev. Mr. Richmond.

*June 13th.*—At White Chapel, I baptized two infants—preached—confirmed seven persons—and with the assistance of the Rev. Mr. Ward administered the Lord's Supper.

*June 14th.*—Preached in North Farnham Church, Richmond county, and confirmed eleven persons. This venerable building has been variously desecrated. At one period, it was not only abandoned as a place of worship, and pillaged of its furniture, but yet more deeply dishonored by being prostituted to the purposes of a distillery. In the good providence of God, it has been reclaimed and refitted, and now again accommodates a congregation of Christian worshippers. It was no little gratification to me to discover that my former charge in Baltimore had been privileged to contribute in some measure to the refurnishing of this ancient edifice. The pulpit and reading desk, in which I commenced my ministrations in Christ Church, having been removed when that church was altered, were presented to the vestry of North Farnham when engaged in repairing their building, and I had now the satisfaction of occupying them again with all the pleasing associations which the recognition could not fail to produce.

*June 15th.*—I preached at Warsaw, baptized three infants, and confirmed seven persons.

*June 16th.*—I preached at Yeocomico and confirmed three persons. Unhappily the right of the vestry of this church to control the use of the building has been questioned by some of our Methodist brethren, who, regarding the building as public property, had made their appointments for preaching in it, as if it were free for all. This of course led to a misunderstanding which might have been productive of consequences deeply to be deprecated by both parties. In pursuance of what they no doubt regarded as a just claim, our Methodist friends brought the subject before the Legislature at its last session, in the form of a petition to sell the property. This petition was referred to a committee, of which the Honorable Mr. (now Judge) McComas was the chairman. The committee reported the case as one not requiring legislative interference, and recognized the vestry's right of occupancy and control. This was adopted by the Legislature with, I was informed, but a single dissenting voice. The Honorable Chairman alluded to, himself a member of the Methodist Church, was so fully satisfied of the truth and equity of this decision, that he generously volunteered a letter to his brethren in Westmoreland, counselling them to acquiesce in the view taken by the Legislature. It is to be hoped that the proceeding in this case will terminate all difficulty and prevent any similar occurrence in other places.

*June 17th.*—I preached at Westmoreland Courthouse.

*June 18th.*—Preached at Oak Grove, and confirmed two persons.

*June 19th.*—Preached at St. Paul's, and confirmed ten persons.

*June 20th.*—Preached at the same place, and united with the Rector in administering the Lord's Supper.

*June 21st.*—Consecrated St. John's Church, King George, and confirmed twelve persons. This new church is a very neat brick building, well furnished, and convenient in its arrangement. The morning of the consecration was unfavorable, but the rain neither prevented the house from being filled, nor dispersed the many who gathered round the door and windows to join as they could in the services of the occasion.



*June 22nd.*—Preached at Lamb's Creek. In the church at this place no one now officiated, and it was supposed by some, that an appointment here was scarcely expedient. The day, at first harassing, turned out to be a beautiful one—and when we reached the spot on which the old building stands, we found the woods filled with horses and vehicles of various kinds, and the concourse of people unexpectedly great. The scene was one of the most animating connected with my visitation—every one seemed to feel its influence. To see the deserted pews of the capacious house once more crowded beyond their accommodation—to hear the full and strong response sounding under a sacred roof which seemed destined to silence and decay, appeared to inspire the whole assembly. The services were marked by an interest and solemnity, which I trust will not soon be forgotten.

Here ended my tour through the parishes south of the Rappahannock and in the Northern Neck. The afternoon and night I passed at "Traveller's Rest," in the family of Mr. Grey, the son; and next morning visited and worshipped in the sick chamber of Mr. Grey, the father, whose relation to the church and its institutions has been such, that I should have regarded it a failure in duty and a loss of privilege had I passed his residence without uniting with him and his family in the service of religion.

An hour's ride brought me to Fredericksburg again; and in the evening of the same day I reached Baltimore, where, on the following Sunday, June 25th, I preached morning and night to the people of my former charge in Christ Church.

*July 7th.*—I held an ordination in St. James' Church, Richmond, and admitted the Rev. Nicholas P. Tillinghast to the priesthood.

*July 8th.*—I left Richmond for Alexandria, and the next morning, Sunday, July 9th, I preached at Little Falls Church, before the administration of confirmation by Bishop Meade; and again, in the afternoon, I addressed the same congregation, and united with Bishop Meade and other clergy present in the Lord's Supper.

From the 10th to the 16th of July, we were engaged at the seminary and high school in the interesting services connected with the annual examinations.

*July 11th.*—I preached in St. Paul's, Alexandria.

*July 16th.*—Assisted Bishop Meade in the ordination held in St. Paul's. At night, preached in Christ Church, and confirmed seventeen persons—eight of whom were pupils of the high school.

*July 17th.*—Left Alexandria, accompanied by the Rev. Mr. Dana, and proceeded to Belmont, Loudoun county, the location of the interesting seminary for young ladies, under the care of Miss Mercer. The Rev. Mr. Adie, who officiates in this institution, joined us here. In the afternoon I preached and confirmed five persons.

The last two confirmations were to me peculiarly gratifying. The one in Alexandria, because it included so many youths of promise, the hopeful fruits of the religious training pursued at our high school, which, I trust, is destined to be a nursery for the seminary and the church. The one at Belmont, because it indicated a like spirit of piety pervading the system of education there adopted and furnished proof of the continued blessing of God on the self-denying and devoted labors of my estimable friend who presided over that seminary. The evidences of her ability and faithfulness in the discharge of the responsible duties of her station, meet me often on my visitations, and afford cause for gratitude, that we have within our borders this institution, which, with others of the same character, leaves us at no loss for the means of a finished Christian education for female children.

*July 18th.*—Preached at Leesburg morning and night.

*July 19th.*—Preached at the same place, and confirmed nine persons.

*July 20th.*—Rode to Aldie, and the next morning to Middleburg.

*July 21st.*—Consecrated at Middleburg a very neat and convenient brick church, by the name of Immanuel Church. Preached morning and night.

*July 22nd.*—Preached at the same place.

*July 23rd.*—Preached at Upperville morning and night.

*July 24th.*—Preached at Upperville.

*July 25th.*—Preached at Leed's Church, Fauquier, in the morning; and in the afternoon, after the Rev. Mr. Butler, who, with other brethren of our own diocese, accompanied me in Loudoun and Fauquier, and rendered us very acceptable services.

*July 26th.*—Preached again at Leed's, and in the afternoon, after a sermon by the Rev. Mr. Butler, I addressed the congregation, and confirmed seven persons.

*July 27th.*—Preached at Lee's Springs.

*July 28th.*—Preached at Warrenton, and confirmed three persons.

*July 29th.*—Preached at Warrenton.

*July 30th.*—Consecrated St. Stephens' Church, nine miles from Warrenton, and preached there. This is a small but beautiful building, very tastefully finished and furnished, located in a grove covering about two acres, the gift of Mr. Stovins, to whose zeal and liberality, aided by a few around him, the neighborhood is indebted for this convenient and comely house of worship. The church is still vacant; but it is hoped that the interest which led to the erection of the building, will ere long be cherished and increased by the stated services of religion.

*August 1st.*—Preached at Hay Market, Prince William, and confirmed three persons.

*August 2nd.*—Preached at Brentsville, and confirmed four persons. In the afternoon I addressed the congregation after a sermon by the Rev. Mr. Lockwood.

*August 3rd.*—Preached again at Brentsville, and confirmed two persons.

*August 4th.*—Preached at Aquia Church to a congregation very respectable in number, and apparently interested in the services. The Episcopal population in this neighborhood is indeed sparse, but those who remain are solicitous to secure the reestablishment among them of the institutions of the Gospel. If this church could be connected with the one at Lamb's Creek, and a missionary officiate in them alternately, the arrangement would fully justify our Diocesan society in appropriating the necessary funds.

In the afternoon of the same day I rode to Fredericksburg, and preached at night in St. George's Church.

*August 5th.*—Returned to Richmond, and the next day preached in the Monumental Church.

At Fredericksburg, on my way home, I received letters informing me of my appointment to assist at the consecration of the Bishop elect of Rhode Island, to take place on the following Friday, in Providence. Though I had just terminated a visitation of much labor, and rendered unusually oppressive by the excessive heat of the season, this was a call which I did not feel at liberty to decline. The intimate and affectionate relationship which, for about four and twenty years, had subsisted without the slightest interruption or impairment between the worthy brother to be consecrated and myself, made me as solicitous to take part in the solemn service, as he kindly expressed himself with regard to my presence. Accordingly, on the third day after my return, I left Richmond and arrived in Pro-

vidence on Friday, August 11th, in time to unite with my brethren in the Episcopate in admitting the Rev. John P. K. Henshaw, D.D., to take part with us in this ministry and apostleship.

*Sunday, August 13th.*—I preached in the morning in Grace Church, Providence, and at night in St. John's.

*Sunday, August 20th.*—Preached morning and afternoon in the Monumental Church, Richmond.

*August 27th.*—Preached in Christ Church, D. C. From this date until September 24, a severe cold disabled me for duty.

*September 24th.*—Preached in Christ Church, D. C.

*October 1st.*—Preached in Christ Church, Baltimore.

*October 8th.*—Preached in Trinity Church, Washington.

*October 10th.*—Conducted the services connected with the laying of the corner stone of a church in the City of Richmond, to be called St. Paul's Church, and intended for the accommodation of persons now worshipping in the Monumental Church.

*October 12th.*—Left Richmond to visit the churches in the western section of the diocese. Reached Charlottesville the same evening in time to address the congregation assembled there for divine service.

*October 14th.*—Preached at Staunton at night.

*October 15th.*—Addressed the Sunday School, and preached in the morning. Preached again at night.

As the Rev. Mr. Castleman, recently chosen Rector of the parish, arrived in Staunton a few hours after I had reached the place, it was impracticable to make the arrangements necessary for confirmation.

The 16th, 17th and 18th of October, were passed day and night in the stages between Staunton and Charleston, Kanawha. On this journey, and as far as Point Pleasant, I was accompanied by the Rev. Mr. McElroy, to whom, as well as to the Rev. Mr. Craik, I was indebted for much important aid.

*October 19th.*—Preached at Charleston.

*October 20th.*—Consecrated St. Luke's Church, at the Salines, and preached. Also at night and the next morning after the Rev. Mr. McElroy.

*October 21st.*—Preached at night at Charleston.

*October 22nd.*—Preached and confirmed five persons at Charleston, and again at night confirmed two.

*October 23rd.*—Preached at Colesmouth.

*October 24th.*—Preached at "St. John's in the Valley," and confirmed ten.

This place is designated by a beautiful name. The congregation is one of great interest. Though the building which they occupy is of the humblest pretensions, yet it is most happily changed from its original use. It is only recently that the church has been introduced into this neighborhood, through the voluntary missionary efforts of the Rev. Mr. Craik, who has indeed been doing the work of an evangelist throughout that region. The building to which I have alluded, was once a distillery, and is now commonly called "Still House Chapel." Its former apparatus of death has, of course, been dislodged, and a floor having been laid, and a rough chancel and benches provided, it is converted into a dispensary of the waters of life. Here, under a roof by no means impervious to wind and rain, quite a large congregation of plain people assemble to join in the simple, solemn services, and receive the *evangelical instructions of our venerable church.* So recently have most of the pre-

was attending become possessed of a prayer book, that, in conducting public worship, the Rector still deemed it expedient to aid them, by naming as he proceeded the page of the particular portion about to be used. With this assistance, the whole service was engaged in by old and young with an appearance of devotion and fulness of response, which I shall long remember. The Rector was expecting as his associate here and at Colesmouth, the Rev. Mr. West, an aged servant of Christ, but still animated with youthful zeal in his master's cause. He was then detained by sickness at Ravenswood. I may mention, that it is in contemplation to erect a suitable house of worship for the use of this congregation, and as their own means are limited, I beg leave to commend their case to Christians elsewhere, as one which has peculiar claims on their liberality.

*October 25th.*—At Buffalo, after a sermon by the Rev. Mr. McElroy, I addressed the congregation, and confirmed two persons.

*October 26th.*—At Point Pleasant addressed the congregation at night, after a sermon by the Rev. Mr. Craik.

*October 27th.*—This was the day appointed for consecrating the church at Mercer's Bottom, eight miles below Point Pleasant, and near the Ohio river. The snow which fell during the night rendered travelling rather difficult. But accompanied by the Rev. Messrs. McElroy, Craik, and J. Goodwin, the missionary at this station, we reached the place in time. The state of the roads and the weather prevented many from attending. The building, which is of brick, neatly finished and located on a mound in the midst of a grove, I consecrated by the name of "Bruce Chapel"—a name selected by the ministers and vestry, as an expression of gratitude for the liberal assistance received from Mrs. and the Misses Bruce of Halifax, to whose generous contributions, not a few of our feeble congregations are indebted for their ability to complete their respective houses of worship. In this chapel I preached and confirmed four persons. After the services we became the guests of General Steinberger, and were refreshed by the kind attentions of his hospitable family, with whom we tarried until the next day at noon, and then returned to Point Pleasant.

*October 28th.*—I addressed the congregation at Point Pleasant, at night, after a sermon by the Rev. Mr. Craik.

*October 29th.*—Preached at Point Pleasant in the morning. In the afternoon addressed a meeting convened by the Rev. Mr. McElroy, the agent of the Bible Society of Virginia. And again at night, I addressed the congregation after a sermon by the Rev. Mr. Craik.

*October 30th.*—Took a boat for Ravenswood. Reached it the same night.

*October 31st.*—Preached at Ravenswood in a private house, and confirmed two persons.

I here met with the Rev. Mr. West, who on his way to his missionary field at Teas Valley, had been arrested by a disease which threatened a termination of his labors. For several weeks he was detained at Ravenswood, under the roof of Mr. Quarrier, who, with the several members of his family, performed the part of the good Samaritan towards this aged and suffering servant of Christ, ministering to his wants, and alleviating his affliction with a delicate and untiring attention which calls for our grateful acknowledgement. . . . In this whole county, there is not, as I was informed, a single house for public worship belonging to any denomination. Our friends at Ravenswood design attempting the erection of a small and unpretending church. I trust they will not be discouraged, for a knowledge of the

necessities of that region, must ensure aid from the more favored sections of the diocese.

*November 1st.*—Accompanied by the Rev. Mr. Craik, I reached Parkersburg at three o'clock in the morning. It was my intention to have spent two days at this place, and then pass to Clarksburg and Weston. The arrangement of the stages, however, rendered this impracticable, except by interfering with other appointments; and as the brethren with whom I conferred concurred in opinion with the Rev. Mr. T. Smith, the missionary at those places, I concluded to relinquish my visit to the interior and give the time to Parkersburg. I am happy to know that my unavoidable failure, which I then much regretted, will secure for Clarksburg and Weston an earlier visit from Bishop Meade.

At Parkersburg, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Craik and the Rev. Mr. Smith, we conducted religious services twice a day, on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd of November.

*November 3rd.*—I baptized two infants.

*November 4th.*—Before morning service I confirmed in private a sick person. At eleven, I preached and confirmed six persons, and united in the administration of the Lord's Supper.

We have no house of worship in this place, but were cheerfully accommodated by our Presbyterian and Methodist brethren. The prospects of our missionary here are certainly encouraging; and from the interest manifested in our services, I shall be disappointed if Parkersburg does not soon furnish a congregation respectable in numbers, and possess a church corresponding with its local importance. The enterprising missionary associates with his official duties the superintendence of a female academy just established, and which, if sustained as it should be, must exert an extensive influence for good.

*November 4th.*—At the solicitation of the Rector and certain members of the congregation in Marietta, Ohio, I crossed the river and preached in their church at night, hoping that this inconsiderable service will be more than repaid to us by my Right Rev. Brother of Ohio, in his visitations along this border of his diocese.

*November 5th.*—Took a boat at Marietta, and reached Wheeling next morning at 6 o'clock. The same day, accompanied by the Rev. Mr. Armstrong, I proceeded to Wellsburg, Brooke county.

*November 7th.*—In the morning preached in Wellsburg, and confirmed three persons. Preached again at night.

*November 8th.*—A violent cold, contracted by exposure on my ride to Wellsburg, confined me to the house, and prevented me from meeting my appointment in the vicinity at St. John's. The services, however, were conducted by the Rev. Mr. Armstrong, and the Rev. Mr. Harrison, the Rector of the Parish.

*November 12th.*—Preached twice in St. Matthew's Church, Wheeling, and confirmed eighteen persons.

*November 19th.*—On my way home I preached twice in Georgetown, D. C., in the morning in Christ Church; in the afternoon in St. John's.

*November 26th.*—Preached in the Monumental Church, Richmond.

*November 29th.*—Lectured preparatory to the communion.

*December 3rd.*—Preached in the Monumental Church morning and night. In the morning united with Bishop Meade in the administration of the Lord's Supper.

*December 10th.*—Preached in the Monumental Church morning and night.

*December 13th.*—Lectured in the same.

*December 17th.*—Preached in St. James' Church morning and night.

*December 22nd.*—At the request of Bishop Meade, I visited Norfolk and Portsmouth, to solicit aid for our Seminary and Education Society.

*December 23rd.*—Preached at night in Christ Church, Norfolk.

*December 24th.*—Preached in Christ Church, Norfolk, in the morning; and in the afternoon in St. Paul's.

*December 25th.*—Preached at Portsmouth, and confirmed four persons.

The collections made in these congregations, have been acknowledged in the Southern Churchman, and will be noticed in the appropriate reports to this Convention.

*December 31st.*—Preached in Christ Church, Richmond.

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*January 7th.*—Preached in the Monumental Church.

*January 14th.*—Preached in Monumental Church.

*January 20th.*—Preached in St. Paul's, Petersburg.

*January 21st.*—Preached in St. Paul's, Petersburg, morning and night; and in the afternoon in Grace Church.

*January 22nd.*—Preached in St. Paul's, Petersburg, morning and night.

*January 28th.*—Preached in the Monumental Church.

*January 31st.*—Preached in the Monumental Church.

*February 1st.*—Preached in St. Paul's, Petersburg.

*February 2nd.*—Preached in St. Paul's, Petersburg, morning and night.

*February 4th.*—Preached in the Monumental Church, Richmond, and made a collection for the Seminary.

*February 7th.*—Preached in the Monumental Church.

*February 11th.*—Preached in the Monumental Church.

*February 14th.*—Preached in the Monumental Church.

*February 18th.*—Preached in St. James', Richmond.

*February 21st.*—Preached in the Monumental Church morning and night.

*February 25th.*—Preached in the Monumental Church in the morning and at night in St. James'.

After this date the evening services both on Sundays and other occasions, were conducted in St. James' Church, kindly loaned by the Rector and Vestry for the accommodation of the several congregations.

*February 28th.*—Preached in St. James' Church at night.

*March 3rd.*—Preached in the Monumental Church in the morning, and in St. James' at night.

*March 5th.*—Visited Fredericksburg to solicit aid for the Seminary, and preached morning and night.

*March 6th.*—Preached again in Fredericksburg morning and night.

*March 8th.*—Monumental Church.

*March 10th.*—Preached, morning St. Johns', Richmond, night in St. James'.

During this week I delivered three afternoon lectures preparatory to the approaching confirmations.

*March 20th.*—Preached at night in St. James' Church.

*March 24th.*—Preached morning in the Monumental Church, night in St. James'.

*March 27th.*—Preached in St. James'.

*March 29th.*—At Petersburg, in the afternoon, confirmed seven persons in Grace Church; at night preached and confirmed thirty-five persons in St. Paul's.

*March 31st.*—Preached in the Monumental Church in the morning, and confirmed twenty-two persons.

In the afternoon confirmed three persons in St. James' Church, and preached at night.

*April 1st, 2nd and 4th.*—Preached in St. James' in the afternoon, and on the 3rd at night.

*April 3rd.*—Held an ordination in Christ Church, and admitted Mr. John R. Lee to the order of Deacons.

*April 5th.*—Preached in the Monumental Church in the morning; at night in Christ Church, and confirmed ten persons.

*April 7th.*—Preached in the Monumental Church in the morning, and administered the Lord's Supper; at night preached in St. James'.

*April 9th.*—Preached at Norfolk, in the morning in St. Paul's, and confirmed thirteen persons, at night in Christ Church, and confirmed fourteen persons.

*April 14th.*—Preached in Christ Church, Baltimore.

*April 19th.*—Visited Bowling Green. The rain prevented a congregation from assembling.

*April 21st.*—Preached in the Monumental Church.

*April 26th.*—Preached in St. Peter's, New Kent, confirmed seven persons, and united in administering the Lord's Supper.

*April 27th.*—Preached in St. David's, King William; confirmed two, and joined in administering the Lord's Supper.

*April 28th.*—Preached at Old Church, Hanover, and confirmed two persons.

Although the church was early planted at these three places, it is believed that this is the first occasion on which the rite of confirmation has been administered at either. The oldest residents never witnessed it before, nor do they recollect any tradition of its having been performed there. For many years the Church in those parts has been virtually extinct. Now, under the ministry of the Rev. Mr. Dalrymple, the prospect of its revival is encouraging. The three parishes have been re-organized and apply to be received at this Convention.

*Sunday, May 5th.*—I attended the anniversary of the Sunday Schools of Richmond, and preached the sermon on the occasion in Christ Church. In the afternoon I baptized two infants in the Monumental Church.

*May 6th.*—Left Richmond to visit the parishes north of James river, on my way to the Convention.

*May 7th.*—Preached at Beaver Dam Church, and confirmed five.

This congregation, though for some time destitute of regular services, assembled in numbers sufficient to fill the house, and evinced much solicitude to be regularly supplied. For the present, the Rev. J. Wilmer has made arrangements to preach for them occasionally.

*May 8th.*—Preached in St. Paul's, Goochland; at night attended service in a chapel erected by Col. Bolling for the use of his servants.

*May 9th.*—Preached at St. Paul's again. Three were confirmed.

In the afternoon addressed the servants assembled in a very neat chapel built for their use on the estate of Mr. Randolph Harrison.

*May 10th.*—Preached at Columbia, and confirmed five persons; at night met with the servants of Mr. William Galt, in a commodious room appropriated to this purpose, and after listening with much interest to the examination of a catechetical class conducted by Mrs. Galt, I addressed the adults. A similar arrangement exists on the estate of Mr. James Galt, which, to my regret, I was prevented from witnessing.

I cannot refrain from expressing the great gratification which I experienced in attending the services in the several chapels to which I have alluded. When masters make such provision for the instruction of the people of color, and ministers regard and look after them as pertaining to their congregation, it can no longer be said "no man hath cared for their souls." And sooner or later, both masters and ministers must be amply compensated by the blessed results of such spiritual supervision. My heart's desire and prayer is, that these commendable examples may be followed by all who have it in their power, until there shall be no section of our Diocese without suitable provision for the religious teaching of this portion of our population.

*May 12th.*—Preached at Calloway Church, Nelson, and confirmed one person.

*May 13th.*—Preached at Trinity Church, Nelson, and confirmed one person.

In passing over this extensive Diocese, I have had gratifying evidence of the happy influence of our Missionary Society. New ground has been occupied, congregations much enfeebled and which must have been lost to us, are reviving, to acquire in their regeneration, I trust, a life and vigor which will prove abiding. Permit me then to plead briefly, but earnestly, for that Society, the blessed fruits of which I have already been privileged to behold, and from which a larger harvest may be confidently expected, if we are not delinquent in our duty. The demands on the Treasury for the next year, for the support of the laborers actually engaged, will be about \$1,500. If this sum could be doubled—and it can be—the Gospel and its ordinances might be afforded to many within our borders who are mourning their destitution, or receiving from other hands sustenance withheld by those from whom they have a right to expect sympathy and relief. It is painful to us, in our visitations, to see wants which we have no means of meeting, and week after week to hear supplications for aid which we are unable to grant. And why is it so? Not that the resources of our Diocesan Church are exhausted. The superfluities of a small portion of our members would largely supply the pressing necessities of many for whom we plead, and pour joy and gladness into hearts pining for the ministrations of our holy religion. Let but our people be properly roused to their duty and privilege in providing for the destitute around them, and in a few years, every mountain and every valley would be vocal with the spiritual service and songs of our Zion, and God, even our own God, would, far beyond our faith to anticipate, give us his blessing.

Brethren, let us lay this to heart, and whilst we are living on his bounty who crowns the year with goodness, let us gladly honor Him with the first fruits of our increase.

Under ordinary circumstances, the preceding record of services and statistics, with such interspersed remarks as the facts suggested, would comprise all that is called for in an annual address. It is, however, as I have reason to believe, expected that I should embrace this occasion to record briefly my testimony touching the difficulties by which the Church at large has, within the last few years been disquieted. Those difficulties have been too often identified to require being defined here, and too ably met, as I conceive, to need any new mode of resistance for their counteraction. To their origin, nature and tendency your attention has just been directed by the address of my Right Rev'd Brother. With the principles of that address, my own views so accord, that to give it my endorsement would be enough to acquit my conscience at this juncture. The whole system which it opposes, I cannot but regard as unscriptural—at variance with the doctrines of the Reformation, as embodied in our Articles—and so pernicious in its influence, that were it to succeed



in effecting the changes which it seeks, by assimilating to itself the standards and usages of the Church—that Church, in the language of the present Metropolitan of India, “would not be worth preserving”—or rather, so far as primitive truth and protestant principles are concerned, it would be already destroyed. I am constrained to regard the whole system as originating largely in a most mistaken desire to magnify unduly the office and functions of the Christian ministry, by superadding to its just claims, pretensions to a kind of priestly character and service, not only unrecognized, but discountenanced by the Gospel. To effect this, the nature, design, and efficacy of the Sacraments, and the range and powers contemplated by the evangelical commission, are withdrawn from the light in which they are set by the inspired penmen, and shrouded in a mystery which overawes investigation, and invested with a superstitious sanctity which forbids all interference. The relation of anxious inquirers to the Saviour, is thus seriously changed. Instead of a direct personal approach to Him whose language is “come unto me,” they are required to seek acceptance and sanctification through the hands of a priestly order, to whom, exclusively, the dispensation of these blessings is committed, and by whom they are imparted in a way which, after all modest explanation, savors more of spiritual legerdemain than of evangelical truth and simplicity. To sustain this spurious system, the appeal is not directly to the Scriptures—these alone, by many who have spoken out, are represented as an insufficient, and on some points, as unsafe rule of faith and practice—whilst others of this school, without indulging in positive expressions of distrust, betray the same mind by maintaining that the only safe position from which to study the Word of God is in company with the post Nicene fathers and in submission to their consentient interpretations. Hence the theory which insists, not avowedly, on another rule than the Sacred Scriptures—but upon that which is tantamount to such substitution, the recognition of what is termed the concurrent testimony of the fathers as authoritative in the determination of the meaning of Scripture, and binding on the conscience. Their competency as witnesses to matters of fact, we do not question. For the information which they furnish, we are grateful. But as theologians and expositors of God’s Word, we receive their opinions, not without due consideration. The moment we admit the insufficiency of the Sacred Scriptures—associate any thing coördinately with it as a rule of faith, or yield implicitly to the authority of any uninspired teachers, we become liable to gross imposition and fatal error. Any system which even connives at such a surrender of christian liberty and prostration of human intellect, needs, in my view, no other condemnation. The Bible, my brethren, after all, is and must be our religion. As Clergy, we are bound by solemn oath of office, to teach nothing as necessary to Salvation, but what may be clearly proved by Sacred Scripture. It is because our Creeds and Articles may be so proved, that we believe them. And it is because our ecclesiastical organization and our mode of worship have, as we are satisfied, this clear sanction, that we maintain them. It may be necessary to feel one’s way down into the darkness and corruption of the middle ages in quest of other views and practices which, when found, are worse than useless—tending in general to exalt the priest at the expense of the Saviour—despoiling Him of his mediatorial garments for the adornment of His ministers—and impoverishing and degrading His people, to aggrandize and glorify those who should deem it honor enough to be “helpers of their faith and joy.” To say that the dogmas and ceremonies, which it is now attempted to revive amongst us are *the miserable misnomer of “Catholic verities and usages,”* and the sanction a/

by the unguarded language of later fathers and the occasional inflated phraseology of a few of earlier date—do not differ materially from the wholesome truths set forth with so much simplicity in our Articles—to maintain that the present controversy is mainly a mere verbal disagreement, is preposterous—unless words have no definite meaning, and serve only to cloud and conceal and not to convey ideas. That the movement which we condemn is made in much mystiness—that such, to a considerable extent, is the character of the style and thought of many of its abettors, we concede. It is not surprising, therefore, that they should sometimes be misapprehended—and if so, the fault is with themselves. But it must be observed, they profess to understand, and they deplore the uncatholic position of the church to which they avowedly belong—They mourn over it as “working in chains.” They have declared their purpose to “unprotestantize” it. We give them credit for their discernment and design. We see that what they desire, would indeed be the result of the prevalence of their schemes, which we regard as Romanism not in germ only, but in considerable and increasing development. And as we are satisfied with the Church as it is, and seek no change, but least of all, such change as they would give us, we feel bound, according to our vow, “with all faithful diligence to banish and drive away from the Church these erroneous and strange doctrines, contrary to God’s word, and both privately and openly to call upon and encourage others to do the same.

Mr. Macfarland offered the following resolution, which was adopted :—

*Resolved*, That it is expedient to renew the application to the Legislature for an Act authorising religious, benevolent and literary societies and institutions to hold property given, or bequeathed to them ; and that a committee be appointed to co-operate with other religious denominations, in presenting a Memorial to the Legislature asking for such an Act.

The Committee appointed to carry the above resolution into effect, consists of the following named gentlemen.

Wm. H. Macfarland, James Lyons, Gen. J. W. Pegram, Gen. Wm. H. Richardson, of Richmond ; David May, Petersburg ; Gen. Samuel Lewis, Rockingham ; Edmund Fontaine, Hanover ; Edward S. Pegram, Norfolk.

The following standing committees were announced by the presiding Bishop :

*Committee on the State of the Church*.—Rev. E. C. McGuire, D.D., Rev. Charles Mann, Rev. E. Boyden, Rev. George Woodbridge, Rev. C. B. Dana, Rev. J. H. Wingfield, Rev. John P. McGuire, and Messrs. Lewis, Morton, Nelson Page, Pegram, Cunningham and C. F. Lee.

*Committee on Finance*.—Messrs. Samuel Lewis, Nelson Page, Wm. M. Wallace, Wm. Williams.

*Committee on Parochial Reports*.—Rev. Wm. N. Pendleton, Rev. Thomas F. Locke, Rev. D. Caldwell, Mr. Thomas Ambler.

*Committee on Widow’s and Orphan’s Fund*.—Rev. Charles Mann, Rev. Wm. Bowers.

*Committee on Episcopal Fund*.—Rev. Charles B. Dana, Mr. Cassius F. Lee.

*Committee on Examination of Treasurer’s Accounts of the Diocesan Missionary Society*.—Rev. Nelson Sale, Rev. Philip Slaughter, Col. G. M. Carrington.

The Parochial Reports were read and referred to the appropriate committee.

Rev. J. P. McGuire, from the committee on New Parishes, made a favorable report on the memorial from the Vestry of St. John's Church, King George County, recommending the reception of said Church into the Diocese—concurred in.

The Convention then adjourned to meet to-morrow at 10 o'clock, A. M.

## FRIDAY, MAY 17, 1844.

The Convention assembled this morning at 10 o'clock, A. M., agreeably to adjournment, and was opened with prayer by the Rt. Rev. Assistant Bishop.

The following resolution offered by Mr. C. F. Lee, was adopted.

*Resolved*, That the ministers and lay delegates of this Convention, be requested to obtain signatures in their respective parishes and counties, to memorials petitioning the Legislature to incorporate the religious, literary and benevolent institutions of the State, and that the committee, appointed under the resolution adopted yesterday, are requested to prepare and forward to the delegates, or ministers, the memorials for that purpose, and also that they endeavor to procure the coöperation of the other denominations in the effort.

Rev. Mr. Dana, from the committee, presented the certificates of Messrs. Crenshaw, Duval and Preston, who appeared and took seats in the Convention.

Rev. James M. Cofer appeared and took his seat.

Rev. Mr. Mann, from the committee on the "Widow's and Orphan's Fund," presented the following report from said committee—approved.

The committee on the Widow's and Orphan's fund, respectfully report that they have examined the report of the trustees of said fund which is accompanied by the treasurer's account and find them to be correct. It appears from the treasurer's account, that the sum of \$953 55 has accumulated since the transfer of the interest on the capital of this fund to the society for the relief of Widows and Orphans of deceased clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Virginia, and should be placed to the account of said society by the treasurer.

The committee cannot conclude this report without expressing the grateful sense they entertain of the persevering and laborious attention of the present and late excellent treasurers of this fund to the interests of the fund and society, and their thanks to the committee which has charge of the fund.

CHARLES MANN, *Chairman*.

The trustees of the fund for the relief of the Widows and Orphans of deceased clergymen in the diocese of Virginia, report: That no change has been in that fund since last Convention. It is invested as follows:

147 Shares Stock in Farmers' Bank of Alexandria, worth at par	\$7,350	00
4 do do in Bank of Potomac - - do	400	00
1 do do in Bank of Virginia - - do	100	00
A bond dated 29th April, 1833, on which interest is paid for -	1,600	00
A note dated 20th April, 1841, on demand, on which no interest has ever been paid -	200	00
A note dated 2nd April, 1841, no interest ever paid -	273	50
A note due 5th Sept., 1843, and protested, interest paid to 5th May, 1835 -	\$600	
Paid 7th August, 1840 - - - -	250	350 00
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	\$10,273	50

And 5 shares in Bank of Alexandria, par value \$1,000, but worth very little, the Bank having long ago suspended.

The treasurer has received and paid over to the Widows and Orphans Society, (agreeably to a resolution of the Convention, in 1837,) the following dividends and interest amounting to \$543 75, in the last twelve months, viz :

Dividends from Bank of Potomac - - -	\$20	00
do from Bank of Virginia - - -	4	00
do from Farmers' Bank of Alexandria - - -	330	75
do on Capital Stock of Bank of Alexandria - - -	45	00
18 months interest on bond for \$1,600 - - -	144	00
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	\$543	75

The trustees have been unable to collect any of the notes not paying interest, though in compliance with the resolution of the last Convention, they endeavored to do so. The correspondence on that subject is herewith submitted. They have not deemed it expedient to force the sale of the Bank stock, but have authorized Mr. John Hooff, who has attended to the business for many years, to sell when a favorable opportunity offers.

THOMAS NELSON,	} Trustees.
WM. H. HUBBARD,	
WM. WILLIAMS, Treasurer.	

General Lewis offered the following resolutions which were concurred in, viz :

*Resolved*, That the prosperity of the Church, and the interests of religion, demand the endowment of one or more professorships in the Theological Seminary of Virginia, and that therefore active exertions should be made during the present season to obtain funds for this purpose.

*Resolved*, That the Rt. Rev. Bishop and Assistant Bishop be (and they are hereby respectfully) solicited to devise such plans, and adopt such measures as they may deem most expedient to attain this most desirable object.

*Resolved*, That the Rt. Rev. Assistant Bishop, be requested to intermit the performance of his Episcopal duties, for such time as he may find necessary, and as soon as his convenience will admit, to carry into effect such plans as may be agreed upon for the purpose above mentioned.

Rev. Mr. Woodbridge, presented the accounts of the treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Society, together with the following report from the executive committee of said society.

*Report of the Executive Committee of the Diocesan Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Virginia.*

The executive committee respectfully report, that they have appropriated during the past year, to the Rev. Mr. Bryant, in Lexington, \$150; to the Rev. Mr. Goodwin, at Point Pleasant, \$200, of which \$50 were for the previous year's services; to the Rev. J. P. Bausman \$150; to the Rev. Thomas Smith, at Parkersburg, \$200, and also \$50 for the purpose of making a tour of exploration; to the Rev. Mr. Harrison, at Wellsburg, \$200; to the Rev. Mr. Wheeler, in Jackson county, \$150; to the Rev. Mr. Good, in Matthews and Middlesex, \$150; to the Rev. Mr. West, in Kanhawa, \$150; to the Rev. Mr. Tompkins, in Campbell, \$100; to the Rev. Mr. Brown, in Fairfax, \$150; to the Rev. E. B. McGuire, in Sussex and Greenville, \$150; and to the Rev. Mr. Withers, in Southampton, \$150.

The church in Lexington, it is understood, is now ready for consecration and there is an encouraging prospect of soon being able to erect one in Buchanan.

The faithful labors of the Rev. Mr. Gibson, in Petersburg, have been highly blessed and through his instrumentality and exertions a church, spacious and commodious, with free seats, has been erected.

The Rev. Mr. Goodwin has, by his faithful and untiring zeal, succeeded in erecting churches in Mercer's Bottom, Point Pleasant and Gallipolis, and with a great deal of self-denying effort on his part, paid the debt hanging over the church in Gallipolis.

The Western part of the Diocese where all our Missionaries are actively employed, is an exceedingly important part and demands now faithful and nurturing care. The present time, if embraced, will enable us to plant the church there; which in a little time will not only sustain itself, but repay with interest our present fostering care.

The Rev. Messrs. Wheeler and Brown have resigned their stations and taken letters of dismission from the Diocese. The fields they have left are important and promising, especially that in Fairfax.

It will be observed that we have employed, during the past year, thirteen Missionaries at an expense of nearly \$2,000. Some of the Missionaries have been only a part of the year in the field, particularly those in the Eastern and Southern counties, and therefore that amount has not been paid, but they have been employed at that rate. Some applications we have been obliged to refuse for the want of means.

When we commenced our fiscal year, at the close of the last Convention, we had about \$900 in our treasury, over the expenses of the preceding year. We have now only about \$400. It remains with this Convention to decide whether we shall give up the stations already established, deceive the expectations created break our plighted faith with the Missionaries and parishes, or whether they will give us the means of continuing the assistance so much needed. A critical and very important period has now arrived, and the committee request the serious and earnest attention of the Convention to this subject.

All which is respectfully submitted.

GEORGE WOODBRIDGE, *Sec.*

P. S.—The Secretary having formed a connection with the B. S. of Virginia *begs leave to decline a re-election.*

Rev. Messrs. Sale and Slaughter, and Col. Carrington, were appointed the committee on the examination of the Treasurer's accounts of the Diocesan Missionary Society.

Rev. Mr. Towles presented a memorial from the vestry of Dettingen Parish, which memorial, after being read, was ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Bolling—ordered, that immediately after the reading of the Journal on to-morrow, the Convention shall go into the election of Delegates to the General Convention.

The Convention then adjourned to meet to-morrow, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

## SATURDAY, MAY 18, 1844.

The Convention assembled at 9 o'clock, A. M., and was opened with prayer by the Rt. Rev. Assistant Bishop.

The Journal of proceedings of yesterday being read, the Convention proceeded to the election of Delegates to the General Convention. The Rev. Mr. Dana and C. F. Lee were appointed tellers. The following gentlemen were subsequently declared duly elected :

Rev. Dr. A. Empie, Rev. Dr. E. C. McGuire, Rev. Dr. Wm. Sparrow, Rev. John Grammar; Messrs. Philip Williams, Samuel Lewis, Richard Cunningham and Wm. H. Macfarland.

On motion, ordered, that the usual morning services be dispensed with in order to attend to the business of the Convention.

Mr. Bolling moved the reconsideration of the resolutions passed on yesterday, by which the services of the Assistant Bishop were solicited in behalf of the Theological Seminary—motion lost.

The presiding Bishop announced the following gentlemen as composing the committee to memorialize the Legislature, praying an act for empowering religious, literary and benevolent institutions to receive and hold property :

Messrs. Wm. H. Macfarland, James Lyons, Gen. Pegram, Gen. Richardson, Richmond; David May, Petersburg; Gen. Samuel Lewis, Rockingham; Edmund Fontaine, Hanover; Edward S. Pegram, Norfolk.

Rev. J. P. McGuire offered the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the delegates to the General Convention, from this diocese, be instructed to vote for the alteration in the Institution office, and the addition to the Constitution, proposed by the last General Convention and stated in Appendix F. page 17 of the printed Journal of said Convention.

Rev. Messrs. J. P. McGuire and W. N. Pendleton and Gen. Lewis, were appointed a committee to devise and report some mode by which the prompt and more effectual distribution of the Journals of the Convention can be best secured.

Rev. Mr. Mann proposed for election the following gentlemen, as the executive committee of the Diocesan Missionary Society of Virginia, for the ensuing year :

Rt. Rev. Wm. Meade, D.D., Rt. Rev. John Johns, D.D., Rev. Adam Empie, D.D., Rev. Wm. Norwood, Rev. Philip Slaughter, Rev. George Woodbridge, Dr. F. H. Deane, Secretary, Mr. William Williams, Treasurer—all of whom were duly elected.

Col. Carrington from the committee appointed to examine the account Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Society, reported the same as herew  
mitted, correctly stated.

*William Williams, Treas., in account with the Diocesan Missionary So*

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1843.		
May 18.	To cash paid Rev. Mr. Bryant, this amount contributed by church at Staunton, for church at Lexington,	-
22.	To cash paid Rev. Thomas Smith, missionary to Clarksb- burg, in Harrison county,	-
June 3.	To cash remitted Rev. James B. Goodwin, Point Plea- sant, Mason county, for last year,	-
26.	To cash remitted Rev. Ab. Wheeler, Ravenswood, Jack- son county, first quarter of \$150,	-
10.	To cash remitted Rev. Joshua L. Harrison, Wellsburg, Brooke county, first quarter of \$150,	-
	Also this amount received 23rd November last, from Mrs. Mary Jackson and other friends for church at Wellsburg,	-
17.	To cash paid Rev. William Bryant, Lexington, one-fourth of \$150,	-
Sept. 4.	To cash paid Rev. Geo. Woodbridge, Secretary, for postage,	-
5.	To cash paid Rev. William Bryant, Lexington, 2nd quarter,	-
Oct. 9.	To cash remitted Rev. Joshua L. Harrison, Wellsburg, Brooke county, 2nd quarter of \$150,	-
	And 1st and 2nd quarter of additional \$50,	-
23.	To cash remitted Rev. Ab. Wheeler, Ravenswood, Jack- son county, 2nd quarter of \$150,	-
16.	To cash remitted Rev. G. W. Dame, Danville, Pittsylv- nia county, 1st quarter of \$150,	-
Nov. 9.	To cash remitted Rev. R. T. Brown, Theological Semi- nary, 1st and 2nd quarter of \$150,	-
9.	To cash remitted Rev. S. D. Tompkins, Pigeon's Run, Campbell county, 1st quarter of \$100,	-
12.	To cash paid Rev. E. B. McGuire, missionary in Sussex and Greensville, one-half appropriation of \$150, deduct- ing therefrom \$10, collected by him elsewhere,	-
13.	To cash remitted Rev. Thos. Smith, Parkersburg, Wood county, 1st and 2nd quarter of \$200,	-
Nov. 2.	To cash remitted Rev. Jas. B. Goodwin, Point Pleasant, Mason county, 1st and 2nd quarter of \$150,	-
17.	To cash paid Rev. Wm. Bryant, Lexington, in full of his appropriation,	-
Dec. 5.	To cash remitted Rev. Wm. H. Good, missionary in Mat- thews and Middlesex, 1st and 2nd quarter of \$150,	-
	To cash remitted Mr. Wm. Welsh, Philadelphia, to pur- chase 200 Prayer Books for use of missionaries,	-
13.	To cash remitted Rev. John P. Bausman, Hampton, 1st and 2nd quarter of \$150,	-
1844.		
Jan. 2.	To cash paid freight, wharfage and drayage, box Prayer Books from Philadelphia,	-
3.	To cash paid order of Rev. G. W. Dame, Danville, for 2nd quarter of \$150,	-
12.	To cash remitted Rev. Joshua L. Harrison, Wellsburg, Brook county, 3rd and 4th quarter of \$200,	-
12.	To cash remitted Rev. Ab. Wheeler, Ravenswood, Jackson county, 3rd quarter of \$150,	-

*Amount carried forward,*

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<i>Amount brought forward,</i>		\$1,217 50
Jan. 18.	To cash remitted Rev. S. D. Tompkins, Pigeon's Run, Campbell county, 2nd quarter of \$100, -	25 00
30.	To cash remitted Rev. Edmund Withers, missionary in Southampton and Sussex, half of \$150, -	75 00
Mar. 21.	To cash remitted Rev. James Craik for Rev. Mr. West, missionary in Kanawha county, -	37 50
Apr. 1.	To cash paid draft of Rev. Thos. Smith, Parkersburg, in full of his appropriation, -	100 00
2.	To cash remitted Rev. Jas. B. Goodwin, Point Pleasant, Mason county, 3rd quarter of \$150, -	37 50
18.	To cash remitted Rev. G. W. Dame, Danville, Pittsylvania county, 3rd quarter of \$150, -	37 50
2.	To cash remitted Rev. S. D. Tompkins, Pigeon's Run, Campbell county, 3rd quarter of \$100, -	25 00
2.	To cash remitted Rev. E. B. McGuire, Jarrett's Depot, Sussex county, 3rd quarter of his appropriation, -	35 00
May 13.	To balance of cash in hand, -	352 32
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		\$1,942 32

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May 17.	By balance in hand per account to Convention at Richmond, -	\$865 23
18.	By cash received at Convention, viz :	
	By cash from St. James' Church, Mecklenburg county, -	6 50
	By cash from Sunday school children of St. Paul's Church, Alexandria, -	34 12
	By cash from C. H. Cabanis, Antrim parish, Halifax co., -	2 00
	By cash from Miss Martha Leigh, " " -	2 50
	By cash from Miss Eliza Leigh, " " -	1 50
	By cash from Miss Polly Green, " " -	50
	By cash from Mrs. M. E. Grammer, " " -	1 00
	By cash from Rev. John Grammer, " " -	10 00
	By cash from Mr. David Chalmers, " " -	15 00
	By cash from Mr. John R. Lee, " " -	1 00
	By cash from Mrs. E. M. P. Lee, " " -	1 00
	By cash from Mrs. Elvira A. Clarke, " " -	5 00
	By cash from Miss Mary Lee, " " -	25
	By cash from Miss Sarah Bruce, " " -	75 00
	By cash from Mrs. E. A. Borum, " " -	1 00
	By cash from Mrs. S. F. Waughop, " " -	1 00
	By cash from Grace Church, Caroline county, -	5 00
	By cash from Mrs. Ann S. Niblett, Lunenburg county, -	5 00
	By cash from Mrs. M. B.—, Botetourt county, -	5 00
	By cash from Mrs. Watts, Roanoke parish, -	5 00
	By cash from Mrs. M. M. Foster, Halifax county, -	20 00
	By cash from Rev. John T. Clarke, " -	10 00
	By cash from Mrs. Geo. E. Harrison, Brandon, -	5 00
	By cash from St. Ann's and South Farnham parishes, Essex county, -	26 55
	By cash from Littleton parish, Cumberland county, -	17 87
	By cash from Mr. C. F. Lee, Alexandria, D. C., -	10 00
	By cash from Grace Church, Powhatan, and Dale parish, Chesterfield, -	16 00
	By cash from Christ Church, Norfolk, -	17 12
	By cash from two ladies of Camden parish, -	2 50
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>		\$1,167 63



*Amount brought forward,*

- May 18. By cash from two children of " -  
 By cash from Christ Church, Charlottesville, -  
 By cash from Samuel and Jordan Anthony, Woodville parish, -  
 By cash from Shelburn parish, Leesburg, -  
 By cash from Christ Church, Alexandria, -  
 By cash from Mrs. Mary C. S. Lee, -  
 By cash from a lady, -  
 By cash from St. Martin's parish, Hanover, -  
 By cash from St. James' Church, Culpeper, -  
 By cash from Rev. John Cooke, -  
 By cash from Mrs. E. Withers, -  
 By cash from Mr. J. L. Wilkins, -  
 By cash from Miss J. Abernethy, -  
 By cash from Trinity Church, Staunton, for church at Lexington, -  
 By cash from Mrs. Eliza Hall, -  
 By cash from Mr. Philip Burwell, Clarke county, -  
 By cash from Mrs. O. Burwell, \$5; Miss Emily Page, \$3; Clarke county, -  
 18. By cash from Mrs. Thos. R. Harrison, Richmond, -  
 By cash from Mrs. Joseph Allen, " -  
 29. By cash from S. Paul's Church, Lynchburg, -  
 30. By cash from Westover parish, Charles City, per Bishop Johns, -  
 June 8. By cash from St. George's Church, Fredericksburg, per Bishop Johns, -  
 By cash from Grace Church, Caroline county, per Bishop Johns, -  
 By cash from St. Peter's Church, Port Royal, per Bishop Johns, -  
 July 10. By cash from Wm. H. Taylor, per Rev. Thos. E. Locke, -  
 18. By cash in an anonymous letter, post marked Millwood, -  
 19. By cash from Bishop Johns, collected in St. Ann's and South Farnham parishes, Essex county, -  
 Oct. 2. By cash for interest from City Saving's Bank, -  
 13. By cash for " " -  
 Nov. 22. By cash per Rev. John Grammer, Antrim parish, from Col. C. H. Cabanis, \$2; Miss Polly Green, 50 cents; Mrs. Ellen C. Morson, \$50; T. G. Coleman, Esq., \$20, -  
 26. By cash per Rev. E. C. McGuire, being part of the weekly offerings of St. George's Church, Federicksburg, -  
 Dec. 2. By cash collected by Bishop Johns, in Kanawha county, 1844. -  
 Jan. 9. By cash from St. John's Church, City Point, per Rev. Mr. Macfarland, -  
 11. By cash from St. George's Church Fredericksburg, per Rev. E. C. McGuire, -  
 12. By cash from St. Paul's Church, Lynchburg, per Rev. Mr. Kinkle, -  
 By cash per Rev. George Woodbridge, being the Christmas offering of a friend, -  
 30. By cash for interest from City Savings Bank, -  
 Feb. 12. By cash from little Girls Working Society, Williamsburg, -  
 By cash from Mrs. Wm. Waller, " -  
 14. By cash from Dr. Bolton, Monumental Church, -

*Amount carried forward,*

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>		\$1,752 76
Mar. 18. By cash from St. Matthew's Church, Wheeling, by Bishop Johns,		30 00
By cash from Lyttleton parish, Cumberland, by Bishop Johns,		24 75
By cash from churches in the Northern Neck, by Bishop Johns,		48 87
Aprl. 1. By cash for interest from City Savings Bank, -		5 29
9. By cash from St. George's Church, Fredericksburg, by Rev. E. C. McGuire,		11 96
17. By cash from Sunday School of St. Paul's Church, Alexandria,		41 69
May 9. By cash from Rev. George Lemmon, Hamilton parish, Mrs. Eliza Marshall, \$10; R. L. Randolph \$7, -		17 00
By cash from Mrs. Inman Horner, \$1; Mrs. William Wallace, \$1, -		2 00
By cash from a friend, \$1; Mrs. Mary E. Fisher, \$1, -		2 00
By cash from Mrs. E. S. Lemmon, \$1; Rev. Geo. Lemmon, \$5, -		6 00
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		\$1,942 32
May 13. By balance of cash in hand, - - -		<hr/>
		\$352 32
E. E.		WILLIAM WILLIAMS,
Richmond, 13th May, 1844.		Treasurer.

The committee appointed to examine the accounts of the Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Society of Virginia, respectfully report, that they have examined the same and found them correct.

P. SLAUGHTER,  
N. SALE,  
G. M. CARRINGTON.

Rev. Mr. Slaughter from the same committee offered the following, which was concurred in.

As it is desirable that the missionaries should be supplied with Tracts and Prayer Books, your committee would take the liberty of adding another article to the Constitution of the Missionary Society, providing a depository for them in Richmond; therefore

*Resolved*, That the Diocesan Missionary Society be directed to keep on hand a supply of Prayer Books and Tracts, to be distributed gratuitously at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

*Resolved*, That any individual contributing the sum of \$20 to the funds of this institution, shall be considered a life member of the same.

#### BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

In consequence of the resignation of the Rev. Dr. Cobbe and Col. John Nelson, and the demise of Mr. R. P. Waring, the following named gentlemen were duly elected to supply their places as Trustees, viz: Rev. George Woodbridge, Mr. Edward S. Pegram, and Dr. Thomas Clagett.

Rev. Dr. McGuire from the committee on the state of the church, read the following report, which was adopted by the Convention.

The committee on the State of the Church, in presenting the report expected at their hands, are happy in being able to congratulate her friends on the appearances of prosperity which greet us from all parts of the Diocese. The numerical increase of members has not perhaps equalled that of some former periods of our history; but there has, nevertheless, been a very encouraging augmentation of our spiritual body, with such manifest signs of general healthiness, soundness and vigor in the same, as may well gratify the feelings and affections of the most zealous well-wishers of our Zion.

Among the favorable indications of advancement, may be selected for especial notice the increase of candidates for Holy Orders during the year—the unusual number of new parishes organized and received into connection with the Diocese by the present Convention, with the addition to our churches by those newly built, or old ones repaired and once more rendered vocal with the praises of God, after the silence and profanation of many years. Nor must we forget the still continued zeal and fidelity of Episcopal and Pastoral labor and supervision, by which our people of every rank, condition and complexion are richly supplied with the means of grace according to the chaste and beautiful rites and forms and ministrations of the church, by which they are built up in their most holy faith, and the religion of the Diocese made a praise in the land for its doctrinal purity and practical excellence. And in this connection we would advert to the marks of unusual prosperity by which the Theological Seminary of the Diocese has been attended. The large addition of students, which a wide spread public sentiment in behalf of evangelical truth has collected around the several chairs of its distinguished faculty, gives a most encouraging prospect of good to the cause of religion and the church, both within and without our own ecclesiastical limits. Long may this important Institution, fostered by the unwearied supplications and benefactions of the church, continue as a rich fountain of spiritual health, to pour its healing streams over the desolate and barren places of this and other lands, till the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose, and the earth be filled with the knowledge of God as the waters cover the sea.

Something responsive to the addresses of the Bishops, delivered at the opening of the Convention, may not, in the existing emergency of the church, be deemed inappropriate on the part of your committee. The clear and conclusive statements of the documents referred to do not indeed leave much to be said, besides an expression of entire agreement in the arguments and facts therein brought to our view. The remark, however, may be allowed us, that they show that the erroneous tendencies apprehended and complained of by many as inherent in the church, have not their origin in her constitution or doctrines, but in the wrong dispositions and sympathies of our fallen nature, impelled in a special direction by circumstances incidental to her peculiar relative position. Here we believe may be found the true source of men's affinity with Rome, and the antipathy of some to the magnificent cause and glorious achievements of the Reformation. That aversion to truth and thirst for official dominion, which led the Papacy to degrade the Scriptures, and prefer, as the Homely speaks, "the stinking puddles of men's traditions," to the pure waters of the well of life—the same disaffection and self-love still induces men to reject the humbling and spiritual doctrines of the Gospel of Christ, and seek repose of mind, or a more convenient instrumentality on what may well be called "another Gospel." But truth only is God's instrument of spiritual good to man. *Error has ever been and ever must be attended by appalling evils for both*

world. Whilst we therefore regard, with unfeigned satisfaction, the scriptural and primitive purity of the church, we cannot sufficiently evince our sense of the importance of preserving her undefiled. Yet this cannot be done without the price of a ceaseless vigilance and fidelity. It will be necessary that those who have been placed on the watch towers of our Zion guard with sleepless eye the avenues to her inner sanctuary. The admission is sufficiently painful that here chiefly lies the danger. The experience of the past, like a flaming beacon, admonishes to beware of an unsound and besighted Priesthood. "Like priest, like people," is a proverb sustained by the testimony of ages. If the congregation of the Lord, then, is to be duly fed and nourished with the bread of life, the chief officers of watch and ward must especially beware of slumbering at their posts, or wavering in the hour of trial. No church, however pure, can long bear the weight of a ministry "destitute of the truth and supposing that gain is godliness." Of this we have a warning voice of startling emphasis from Rome on the one hand, and from Geneva on the other.

We are happy in the belief that, in regard to the questions here referred to, and those generally which now agitate the church of our affections abroad and at home, there is an essential harmony of sentiment prevailing in this Diocese, not often to be found in so large a community. Fidelity to the church and her ascended Lord forms the sacred bond which binds, in such pleasant agreement of thought and action, the whole body of her Bishops, Clergy and Laity. Loving the church *as she is*, regarding her as a true interpreter and witness of Divine Truth, they desire no further *reformation*, especially no reformation *backwards*. May this hallowed unanimity—this dwelling together of brethren in unity, be long continued to us as a pledge of favor and approbation by Him who is "the author of peace and lover of concord."

All which is respectfully submitted.

On motion, *ordered*, That the Treasurer be directed to remit to the Treasurer of the General Convention, a sum equivalent to 75 cents for each clergyman in this Diocese.

Rev. Wm. N. Pendleton from the Committee on Parochial Reports presented the following :

The Committee on Parochial Reports respectfully state, that they have discharged the duties assigned to them. The only fact calling for notice from them in this report is, that they find some confusion in the list of Parishes of the Diocese, and they recommend to the clergy and to the vestries of parishes who have no minister, to furnish the Secretary with such information as may enable him to make out a more complete list of the parishes.

The following reports from the Trustees and Faculty of the Theological Seminary were submitted to be placed on the Journal.

#### REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary present to the Convention the reports of the several professors, from which it is apparent that they have faithfully discharged the responsible duties assigned them, and that the students have diligently availed themselves of the privileges of the Institution. The man-

ner in which it is conducted is entirely satisfactory to your Board, and they desire with thankfulness to congratulate its friends on the prosperity with which it is blessed. Never were the classes so large—the recitations so regularly attended, and the prevailing spirit more in accordance with the design of a school of the prophets. Whilst we rejoice to know that candidates for Holy Orders may now find in this Seminary all the desirable helps for their theological course, and that a conviction of this fact has filled our buildings with those who are seeking suitable training for the sacred office, we desire with special gratitude to mark the missionary spirit by which the Institution has been pervaded. Our Alumni may at this moment be found in numbers engaged in the pioneer work in our own land, and are to be seen zealously laboring at every foreign station taken by the church. Nor has the devotion to this great and noble enterprise in the least abated, but rather increased. There are now in our Seminary youth, so given to the service for which they are preparing, as to have no desire to select their own favorite field for future labor, but in answer to any requisition by those appointed to call to this work are ready to say—"Here we are, send us." We allude thus to this spirit of the Institution because we regard it as unequivocal evidence of the Divine favor.

In reference to the financial condition of the Seminary, we need say little, as this will appear from the report of the Treasurer. We feel assured that the growing usefulness of the Institution will secure it the continued confidence and more enlarged patronage of the friends of pure and undefiled religion. Influenced by this assurance we feel persuaded that the measures adopted by the Convention will prove successful, being requisite to place the Seminary in a position which will relieve it from pecuniary embarrassment and enable the trustees to manage its temporal affairs, without a constant anxiety as to the sufficiency of its resources to meet its unavoidable expenses.

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#### REPORT OF THE PROFESSOR OF SYSTEMATIC DIVINITY.

During the past year the senior class have read with the subscriber Bishop Burnet's Exposition of the Thirty-nine Articles, with some supplemental matter on the Sixth Article, from Goode's Rule of Faith and Practice; also some select portions of Bishop Pearson on the Creed; and the Homilies throughout. They have also studied the subject of the nature and use of creeds and confessions of Faith, and have continued the practice of committing to memory select Epistles of the New Testament.

The middle class have studied Butler's Analogy and all of Knapp's Theology, except those parts upon the Church and Sacraments; and engaged in the exercise above mentioned in the English Bible.

The junior class, as usual, have given a portion of the term, at the rate of two recitations each week, to the study of the Evidences of Christianity.

All these classes have read Essays in connection with their daily recitations.

It is hoped and believed that the members of these classes have profited by their year's labor, in almost every instance, as much as could reasonably be expected.

Respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM SPARROW.

## REPORT OF THE PROFESSOR OF CHURCH HISTORY AND CHURCH POLITY.

*To the Trustees of the Theological Seminary of Virginia.*

In the Department of Church History, the middle class has been pursuing the usual course, with Mosheim's History for a text book. The course is now nearly completed and a review will be commenced in a few weeks. The senior class has gone over the history of the English Church, following the work of Bishop Short, and will be ready for reviewing after attending to the subject of Church Polity. The last named subject (Church Polity) has been studied from Hooker, upon whose work the class is now engaged. The study of this subject was interrupted for a few weeks while the Bishop of the diocese delivered a course of Lectures on Pastoral Theology, but has again been taken up and is at present occupying our attention. The members of the senior class have also attended regularly to the composition and delivery of sermons and the performance of the service of the Liturgy.

Three times in each week I instruct a class in the High School in Intellectual and in Moral Philosophy, the former branch having been disposed of by completion of the usual course, and the latter now engaging the attention of the pupils.

JAMES MAY,

*Professor of Church History and Church Polity.*

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, May 9, 1844.

## REPORT OF THE PROFESSOR OF BIBLICAL LITERATURE.

The Professor of Biblical Literature would respectfully report, that the classes under his instruction have pursued the prescribed course of study in his department and with the usual success.

The middle class have read in Hebrew all the most important prophecies of Christ in the Old Testament, in connection with Herengtenberg's Commentary. In Greek they have critically studied Paul's Epistles to the Romans and Hebrews, and those to Timothy and Titus. A private class has been formed of members of the middle class, which has read eighty Psalms.

With the junior class he has had five recitations a week of about one and a half hours each. In Hebrew, besides going through with the Grammar three times, they have read 32 chapters in Genesis, and more than 20 Psalms. They have also had exercises of translating English into Hebrew.

In Greek they will finish the Harmony of the Gospels by the close of the session. A private class was formed in Greek, during the first part of the session, preparatory to the study of the Harmony.

They have also read, and been examined upon Jahn's Jewish Antiquities, so much of Horne's Introduction as relates to the Books of the Old Testament, Ernesti on Interpretation, and have pursued a course of reading in Jewish History. Written lectures have been from time to time delivered on Chronology, Miracles of the Old Testament, Jewish History, and other subjects, to both classes. They have further written Exegetical or Critical Essays on the most important and difficult subjects in the Gospels, such as Demoniacal Possessions, the Genealogies and

others. He has reason to be satisfied with the diligence in study, and the proficiency of his classes.

Respectfully submitted.

J. PACKARD.

The Professor of Biblical Literature as Librarian would further report, that he has exercised a general supervision over the Library. There have been no works purchased for it for about two years; some few books have been presented during that time. There are several valuable books which need binding for their preservation. He has advanced something occasionally for this purpose. There is a complete set of the Episcopal Recorder which could be bound at a reasonable rate. He would suggest the expediency of it to the Trustees.

Were there an annual appropriation for the purpose of purchasing really valuable books, it would secure those to the Library, which otherwise, from their being out of print, they may never hereafter be able to obtain. The Librarian should be required to report the books purchased and the price of each in his annual report. He would respectfully suggest whether the alumni annual contributions, which have hitherto been put in the hands of the Trustees, could be devoted to a more important object. As has been truly said, "professors and teachers die; but a *Library never dies*." And so long as it is ample it will have a great influence in securing a large number of students.

The following report from the Principal of the High School was read, accompanied with remarks from the Bishop and Assistant Bishop, explanatory of the nature and causes of the difficulties heretofore existing in that interesting and valuable institution of the church, and commending it to the increased confidence and patronage of the clergy and laity.

#### REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF THE HIGH SCHOOL.

In intellectual, moral and religious condition the Institution is much as has been heretofore reported.

In point of numbers it has slightly diminished—its present number of students being only 47.

Its prosperity, in a financial point of view, is not encouraging. And unless its patronage is increased it can scarcely be possible to sustain it on the plan and for the purposes originally contemplated. And the principal can do no more than submit it solemnly to his brethren of the Clergy, and his friends of the laity, whether in consideration of the good service it has done and the better service it is capable (if rightly sustained) of doing—more interest should not be cherished, and better efforts exerted toward adequately patronizing and properly sustaining the Institution. For it, as committed to his care, he asks their interest, their prayers, and their efforts.

W. N. PENDLETON.

Rev. J. P. McGuire, from the committee appointed, offered the following:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary be instructed to have the Journals printed and distributed as soon as practicable, and that towards accomplishing this, he be authorised to make such arrangements as may best secure the end, and to draw upon the Treasurer for the necessary expenses.

*Resolved*, That towards effecting the more prompt distribution of the Journals,

to Secretary be, and he is hereby instructed to obtain from the Ministry, and where there is no Minister, from the Vestries of the different Parishes of this Diocese, a list of the names of the Post Offices of all the individuals in such parishes, to whom it may be desirable to send the Journals, and that he either send, or cause to be sent, through the Post Office, to such individuals, their respective number of Journals, at the earliest date practicable after the printing of the same. Concurred in.

Rev. Mr. Dana presented the following report from the Committee on the Episcopal Fund.

The Committee on the Episcopal Fund have received from the Wardens of Christ Church, Alexandria, D. C., the subjoined statement, which they beg leave to present to the Convention, as exhibiting the present condition of said fund.

C. B. DANA, *Chairman.*

The Trustees of the Bishop's Fund report that, since the last Convention, they have from the dividends of the Bank of Potomac and Farmers' Bank of Alexandria, purchased three shares of the stock of the Farmers' Bank of Alexandria, at \$40 per share, (par value \$50 per share.)

At the last Convention the number of shares of the Farmers' Bank of Alexandria was 114. The number now is 117.

They also report that they have received from the Trustees of the Bank of Alexandria, eighty-one dollars, being nine dollars on each share of stock. More may be received, but when, we are unable to say.

Par value of the 117 shares of the Farmers' Bank is	-	-	\$5,850 00
Do. do. 9 do. Bank of Potomac,	-	-	900 00
Cash in hand unemployed,	-	-	301 25
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			\$7,051 25

WASHINGTON C. PAGE, *Church Warden,*

*Christ Church, Alexandria.*

On motion of Rev. Mr. Wingfield, the Convention went into an election for Members of the Standing Committee. The Rev. Mr. Mann and Mr. Geo. W. Bassett were appointed tellers.

The following gentlemen were subsequently duly elected :—

Rev. E. R. Lippitt, Rev. C. B. Dana, Dr. Wm. Sparrow; and Mr. John Hooff, Dr. O. Fairfax, and Mr. Cassius F. Lee.

The Convention then took a recess until half-past four o'clock.

## SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

The Convention re-assembled for the transaction of business.

On motion—*Ordered*, That the next Convention of this Diocese be held in the town of Fredericksburg, on the third Wednesday in May, 1845.

Geo. Lewis, from the Committee of Finance, submitted the following report, together with the resolutions accompanying the same, all of which were adopted.



The Committee of Finance have, according to order, performed the duty required of them, as well as the limited time at their disposal will admit of, and respectfully report

That they have examined the Account of the Treasurer of the Diocese, and find the same to be accurately stated, and established by satisfactory vouchers. The balance in his hands is \$37 42.

*The Episcopal Convention of Virginia, in Account with William H. Hubbard.  
Treasurer.*

1843.	De.			
May 17.	To balance per account rendered,	-	-	\$731 49
18.	To cash paid Bishop Meade, per receipt,	-	No. 1,	60 00
19.	" " C. B. Dana,	-	2,	7 15
20.	" " Bishop Meade,	-	3,	600 00
23.	" " Do.	Travelling expenses		
	" " Do.	and Postages,	4,	245 00
	" " Do.	do.	5,	200 00
	" " Bishop Johns,	-	6,	97 59
June 26.	" " E. R. Lippitt,	-	7,	192 00
July 8.	" " Henry Lawson,	-	8,	10 00
Aug. 21.	" " Bishop Johns,	-	9,	300 00
Oct. 11.	" " Do.	-	10,	500 00
Nov. 17.	" " Bishop Meade	-	11,	200 00
18.	" " H. K. Ellyson,	-	12,	3 50
20.	" " Hubbard, Gardner & Co.	-	13,	1 25
Dec. 4.	" " Bishop Johns,	-	14,	500 00
1844.				
Jan. 10.	" " Do.	-	15,	200 00
Mar. 6.	" " Do.	-	16,	150 00
Ap'l 27.	" " Rev. B. M. Miller,	-	17,	13 00
May 11.	To balance on hand,	-	-	37 42
				<hr/> \$4,048 46

1843.	Cr.			
May 18.	By amount received from Rev. B. M. Miller, Sec'y, viz. cash,	\$2,132 07		
	Bishop Meade's receipt on acc't Frederick Parish,	60 00		
20.	" Rev. B. M. Miller, Sec'y, viz. cash,	959 00		
	Bishop Meade's receipt on acc't Salary,	600 00		
	By cash rec'd from Trinity church, Augusta Parish, Staunton, (Delinquent,) -	12 00		
31.	" " Rev. Alex. Jones, quota for Zion Parish, Charlestown, -	80 00		
June 10.	" " Rev. Alex. Shiras, quota for Wickliffe Parish, Clarke county, -	70 00		
1844.				
Jan. 8.	" " Rev. B. M. Miller, quota from Mecklenburg county, -	50 00		
10.	" " Do. do. do.	5 00		
15.	" " Rev. Alex. Shiras, quota for Wickliffe Parish, Clarke county, -	10 00		
	" " Rev. Thos. E. Locke, quota for Cumberland Parish, Lunenburg, -	8 00		
Feb. 2.	" " Savings Institution, for Interest on Money deposited, -	33 39		
Ap'l 27.	By amount received from Rev. B. M. Miller, viz. cash,	16 00		
	Bill for Printing and Postage,	13 00		
				<hr/> \$4,048 46

1844.				
May 11.	By balance brought down,	-	-	\$37 42
E. E.				WM. H. HUBBARD, Treasurer.

On reference to the vouchers accompanying the Treasurer's Account, it will appear that there is still due Bishop Johns, on account of his Salary for the year past, *Three Hundred and Fifty Dollars*. No application has been made to the Trustees of the Bishop's fund for the current year's interest, as it was believed that a sufficient amount would be received to meet all demands; due notice was given to all the delinquent Parishes, and a memorandum on the last page shows the amount still in arrears, which is respectfully submitted.

WM. H. HUBBARD, *Treasurer*.

The amount of payments to the Contingent Fund from the several Parishes, made during the present Convention, is \$4,310 72.

*A list of the Parishes contributing to the Convention fund, at the Convention held in Lynchburg, May 15th, 1844.*

Christ Church, Winchester,	\$71 50
St. Thomas' church, Middletown,	12 00
Hugar's parish, Northampton co.	60 00
St. Paul's church, Norfolk,	108 00
St. John's church, Hampton,	34 00
Trinity church, Shepherdstown,	40 00
St. James' church, Leesburg,	74 00
St. Paul's church, Alexandria,	90 00
Abingdon and Ware parishes, Gloucester co.	35 00
Christ church, Norfolk,	330 00
Christ church, Smithfield, Newport Parish,	35 00
St. James' church, Culpeper,	16 00
Millwood, Frederick Parish,	51 00
Trinity church, Staunton,	73 00
Hamilton parish, Fauquier co.	33 00
Monumental church, Richmond,	300 00
St. Peter's church, Port Royal,	54 00
Grace church, St. Mary's Parish,	11 00
St. John's church, King George, Hanover Parish,	41 00
Grace church, Petersburg,	55 00
St. Mark's church, Antrim Parish, Halifax,	113 00
Christ church, Richmond,	24 00
Woodville parish, Grace church, Lexington,	13 00
Church at Buchanan,	15 00
Rosnoke parish, Halifax co.	34 00
Bath parish, Dinwiddie co., Sapony Church,	20 00
St. Andrew's parish, Brunswick co.	65 00
St. James' church, Mecklenburg co.	53 00
Cumberland parish, Lunenburg co.	75 00
St. Martin's parish, Hanover,	7 00
Albemarle parish, Sussex co.	42 00
St. John's church, Henrico co.	15 00
Boyden parish, Augusta co.	30 00
St. Paul's, Suffolk, Nansemond co.	9 00
St. John's church, Chuckatuck,	23 25
St. Stephen's church, Culpeper co.	33 00
Christ church, Lancaster co.	17 00
St. James' church, Dettengén parish,	29 00
St. Paul's church, Haymarket,	10 00
Kingston parish, Mathews co.	38 00
St. James' church, Northam, Goochland co.	

*Amount carried forward,*

\$2,187 97

Amount brought forward,				\$2
Westover parish, <i>Charles City co.</i>	-	-	-	-
King William and Southam parish, <i>Powhatan,</i>	-	-	-	-
St. Ann's parish, <i>Essex co.</i>	-	-	-	-
South Farnham parish, <i>Essex co.</i>	-	-	-	-
Lyttleton parish, <i>Cumberland co.</i>	-	-	-	-
Frederickville parish, Christ church, <i>Charlottesville,</i>	-	-	-	-
Meherrin parish, <i>Greensville co.</i>	-	-	-	-
Nelson Parish, <i>Nelson Co.</i>	-	-	-	-
Raleigh, Genito and Dale parishes,	-	-	-	-
Bristol parish, St. Paul's church, <i>Petersburg,</i>	-	-	-	-
Christ church, <i>Alexandria, D. C.</i>	-	-	-	-
Tillotson parish, <i>Buckingham co.</i>	-	-	-	-
St. Thomas' church, <i>Orange co.</i>	-	-	-	-
East Russell parish, <i>Bedford co.</i>	-	-	-	-
Moore parish, St. John's church, <i>Campbell co.</i>	-	-	-	-
Portsmouth parish, Trinity church,	-	-	-	-
Falls church, <i>Fairfax co.</i>	-	-	-	-
Martin's, Brandon parish,	-	-	-	-
Camden parish, <i>Pittsylvania and Patrick co.</i>	-	-	-	-
Leeds' parish, <i>Fauquier co.</i>	-	-	-	-
St. Paul's church, <i>Lynchburg,</i>	-	-	-	-
St. Peter's parish, St. Peter's church, <i>New Kent co.</i>	-	-	-	-
St. Paul's parish, <i>Old Church, Hanover co.</i>	-	-	-	-
St. David's parish, <i>King William co.</i>	-	-	-	-
Lexington parish, <i>Amherst co.</i>	-	-	-	-
St. James' church, <i>Richmond,</i>	-	-	-	-
Washington parish, <i>Washington co.</i>	-	-	-	-
Walker's church, <i>Albemarle co.</i>	-	-	-	-
St. Ann's parish, Christ church, <i>do.</i>	-	-	-	-
Botetourt parish, <i>Botetourt co.</i>	-	-	-	-
St. Matthew's church, <i>Wheeling,</i>	-	-	-	-
Buck Mountain church, <i>Albemarle co.</i>	-	-	-	-
St. Paul's church, <i>do.</i>	-	-	-	-
Trinity church, <i>do.</i>	-	-	-	-
St. John's and St. Mark's churches, <i>Kanawha,</i>	-	-	-	-
St. George's church, <i>Fredericksburg,</i>	-	-	-	-
Bruton parish, <i>Williamsburg,</i>	-	-	-	-
West Russell parish, <i>Bedford co.</i>	-	-	-	-
Cedar Run parish, St. Stephen's church,	-	-	-	-
St. Margaret's parish, St. Margaret's church, <i>Caroline,</i>	-	-	-	-
Berkely parish, <i>Spottsylvania co.</i>	-	-	-	-
St. John's church, <i>do.</i>	-	-	-	-
St. Andrew's parish, Zion church,	-	-	-	-
South Farnham parish, in full,	-	-	-	-
Wickliffe parish, <i>Clarke co.</i>	-	-	-	-

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The following amounts were received from Parishes which were delinquent last year:

St. Martin's, <i>Hanover co.</i> (\$2 having been paid by another Parish.)	\$21 25
St. James', <i>Mecklenburg co.</i>	9 00
Boyden Parish, <i>Augusta co.</i>	15 00
Christ church, <i>Lancaster co.</i> on account,	1 00
Tillotson parish, <i>Buckingham co.</i> on account,	13 00
Leeds' parish, <i>Fauquier co.</i>	23 00

Amount carried forward, \$82 25

	<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$82 25	\$4,208 97
St. Thomas' church, <i>Orange co.</i>	- - - -	6 50	
St. Andrew's church, <i>Brunswick,</i>	- - - -	11 00	
Wickliffe parish, <i>Clarke co.</i>	- - - -	2 00	
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			<u>\$4,310 72</u>

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EDW'D S. PEGRAM, *Treasurer pro tem.**Of Va. Diocesan Convention of the Prot. Episcopal Church.*

LYCHBURG, May 18, 1844.

The amount due from Parishes who have made Reports to this Convention, but not paid their contributions, \$212 00.

The following Parishes are returned as delinquent to this Convention—May 15, 1844:

Christ church, <i>Middlesex co.</i>	- - - -	\$ 3 00
Trinity church, <i>Louisa co.</i>	- - - -	7 00
*Centarion church, <i>Fort Monroe,</i>	- - - -	14 00
*Lanenburg parish, <i>Richmond co.</i>	- - - -	24 00
*Farnham parish, <i>Richmond co.</i>	- - - -	19 00
*Cople parish, <i>Westmoreland co.</i>	- - - -	20 00
Norborne parish, <i>Berkely co.</i>	- - - -	94 00
Church at Parkersburg,	- - - -	18 00
Church at Clarksburg,	- - - -	7 00
Weston church,	- - - -	6 00
		<u>\$212 00</u>

Amount due from Parishes which have paid in part, \$570 01.

The following balances are due from Parishes who have paid in part to this Convention:

Hungar's parish, <i>Northampton co.</i>	- - - -	\$12 00
Trinity church, <i>Shepherdstown,</i>	- - - -	19 00
St. Paul's church, <i>Alexandria,</i> for 1843,	- - - -	\$75 00
Do. do. 1844,	- - - -	74 78
		149 78
Abingdon and Ware Parishes, <i>Gloucester co.</i> for 1841, balance this		
year \$8 00, 1842, \$36 50,	- - - -	44 50
Millwood, <i>Frederick parish, Clarke co.</i>	- - - -	7 00
Hamilton parish, <i>Fauquier co</i>	- - - -	6 00
Church at Buchanan,	- - - -	1 00
St Stephen's church, <i>St. Mark's parish, Culpeper,</i> for 1843,	27 48	
Do. do. do. 1844,	28 75	
		56 23
East Russell parish, <i>Bedford co.</i>	- - - -	33 00
Falls church, <i>Fairfax co.</i>	- - - -	15 75
Lexington parish, <i>Amherst,</i> for 1843,	- - - -	50 00
Do. do. 1844,	- - - -	35 00
		85 00
St John's and St. Mark's churches, <i>Kanawha,</i> for 1843,	12 00	
Do. do. do. 1844,	32 00	
		44 00

*Amount carried forward,*

\$473 26

\* The Churches marked with an Asterisk, have assured the Convention that the amounts due from them, will be sent very soon to the Treasurer at Richmond.

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>				\$473 98
West Russell parish, <i>Bedford,</i>	-	-	-	8 00
Cedar Run parish, St. Stephen's church, <i>Fauquier,</i>	-	-	-	5 00
St. Margaret's church, St. Margaret's parish, <i>Caroline co.</i>	-	-	-	11 00
Camden Parish, <i>Pittsylvania,</i> for 1843,	-	-	-	\$19 00
Do. do. 1844,	-	-	-	16 00
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				35 00
Wickliffe parish, <i>Clarke co.</i>	-	-	-	37 75
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				\$570 01

Amount due from Parishes delinquent, 1843, and still unpaid, \$234 00.

Parishes which were delinquent in 1843, and which are still delinquent for that year:

Bloomfield parish, <i>Madison co.</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$24 00
Church, <i>Clarksburg, Harrison co.</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	5 00
Falls church, <i>Fairfax co.</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	20 00
Moore parish, St. John's, <i>Campbell co.</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	14 00
Norborne parish, <i>Berkely co.</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	94 00
St. James' church, <i>Mecklenburg co.</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	6 00
Church, <i>Brooke co.</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	20 00
Tillotson parish, <i>Buckingham co.</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	15 00
Nelson parish,* <i>Nelson co.</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	22 00
Cople parish, <i>Westmoreland co.</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	7 00
Christ church, <i>Lancaster,</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	7 00
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							\$234 00

13 Parishes have made no reports.

Parishes which have made no report to this Convention.

Accomac parish, *Accomac co.*  
 Cornwall parish, Roanoke church, *Charlotte co.*  
 Brunswick parish, *Lamb's Creek, King George co.*  
 Washington parish, *Westmoreland co.*  
 St. Paul's church, *King George co.*  
 Christ church, }  
 St. John's church, } *Brooke co.*  
 Franklin parish, *Franklin co.*  
 Lynn Haven parish, *Princess Ann co.*  
 Meade parish, *Loudon co.*  
 Nottoway parish, *Nottoway co.*  
 Overwharton parish, *Stafford co.*  
 St. Andrew's parish, Zion church, *Jefferson co.*

Your Committee estimate the probable amount necessary to meet the expenditures of the ensuing year at about \$5,000—they therefore recommend the adoption of the following Resolutions:

*Resolved,* That the Treasurer be requested to write to the Rectors and Vestries of the several delinquent parishes, urging upon them the necessity of paying up their arrearages, now amounting to about \$1,000.

*Resolved,* That the Treasurer be authorised to draw the interest of the Bishop's fund, if necessary, to meet our engagements for the current year, (the Convention pledging itself to replace the amount drawn.)

All which is respectfully submitted.

S. H. LEWIS.      W. M. WALLER.  
 NELSON PAGE.    WM. WILLIAMS.

\* The Rector pledges himself that this money shall be paid.

The following Resolutions were adopted :

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer be directed to pay the expenses of the Secretary in attending this Convention.

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer pay the Door-keeper of this Convention, \$10.

*Resolved*, That the Secretary have two thousand copies of the Journal of this Convention published, for distribution among the parishes.

The Convention then adjourned to meet in the town of Fredericksburg, on the third Wednesday in May, 1845.

RT. REV. WILLIAM MEADE,

*President of the Convention.*

REV. BENJAMIN M. MILLER,

*Secretary of the Convention.*

## APPENDIX.

### PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

*Abingdon and Ware Parishes—Report of Rector, May, 1844.*—Communicants added 2, transferred to other parishes 7, died 2—total 44; Baptisms, infants, white 2; Marriages, 1 white, 1 colored—2; Funerals, infants 5, adults 3—total 8. The amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, has been much smaller than usual, not exceeding in all, more than \$70 or \$80.

CHAS. MANN, *Rector*

*Report of J. Grammer, Rector of Antrim Parish, Halifax County, Virginia May 11th, 1844.*—Communicants; whites, added 9, removed into parish 1, ordained 1—total 55; colored, added 11, died 1—total 11; whole number of communicants 66: Baptisms; whites, adults 6, children 8—total 14; colored adults 13—whole number 27; Marriages, white 2, colored 3—total 5; Funerals, white 9, colored 1, total 14. Amount contributed to the different institutions connected with the Protestant Episcopal Church, viz: Missions, Domestic \$108. Foreign \$122. Diocesan \$179 50. Education Society \$75 50. Theological Seminary \$96. Total \$581.

In addition to these, there are other institutions, such as the Bible Society; the Colonization Society, &c., to which annual contributions are made from this parish.

J. GRAMMER, *Rector*

*Report of E. Withers, officiating in Albemarle Parish, Sussex, and also in County of Southampton.*—Communicants, removed 3—total 10; Baptisms, infants 19—total 19; Marriage 1; Funerals 2; number of Families 26. Amount collected for Church purposes \$7 00.

REMARKS.—My labors commenced in these counties, in November last. I have been endeavoring to re-organize Episcopal Congregations, and have so far succeeded, as in Sussex, to have formed a vestry, and have the erection of a church building in contemplation. Here a parish register and handsome service of plate still remain, a relic of prosperous days in the church.

In Southampton, there were once seven Episcopal Churches, three of which main occupied by other denominations; a fourth having been torn down, and dedicated to a worldly use. My endeavor has been by the help of God, to rekindle the hearts of this long neglected people, a love for Christ and his Church.

*Southampton, May 3rd, 1844.*

*Report of Rev. James McElroy, Principal of Female Institute and Rector Boyden Parish, Augusta County.*—I commenced my labors in the institute on 8th of April last, and in Boyden Parish, on the 14th. The chapel has been closed for some two years. I have found fifteen Communicants in the parish.

*Bath Parish, Dinwiddie, and St. Andrew's Parish, Brunswick.*—J. A. MANN, Rector.—The Rector having taken charge of these parishes within the last six months, has nothing of special interest to report. There are in them, at present about 89 Communicants, 63 white and 26 colored.

In connexion with Rev. Mr. Gibson, of Petersburg, the Rector has lately commenced officiating at Dinwiddie Court-House, where we have encouraging congregations, and every prospect of having a Church Edifice erected in a few months.

*Botetourt Parish, in Botetourt and Roanoke Counties.*—W. H. Pendleton, Rector.—Communicants, added 13—total 43; viz. white 42, colored 1; Baptisms, infants 7, adults 3; Funerals 3; number of Families connected with the parish 21. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$61.

*Report of C. J. Gibson, Rector of Grace Church, Petersburg.*—Communicants, added 22, removed 5, suspended 1—total 41; Baptisms, adults 3, infants 26, viz. white 17, colored 9—total 29; Confirmations since last Convention 21; Marriages 13; Funerals 31. The Sunday School—number of teachers 23; Scholars 90–100, who contribute annually \$15, to the education of a boy in Africa.

*St. John's Church, Berkely Parish, and Christ Church, St. George's Parish, Spottsylvania County.*—*St. Margaret's Church, St. Margaret's Parish, Caroline County.*—D. M. Wharton, Rector.—Communicants, added 3, died 1—total 79; Baptisms, adult 1, infant 1—total 2; Confirmations 14; Marriages 2; Funerals, whites 2, colored 4. The Rector took charge of these parishes early in September last. The Churches are a considerable distance apart, and the congregations small. Unable to report any thing of special interest in the condition and prospect of these Churches, the Rector would only remark that he has been taught not to despise the day of small things, and is encouraged by the hope, that if he “be not weary in well doing,” He, who alone can give the increase, will bless his labors, and cause his vineyard to revive and flourish under his culture.

*P. O.—Mount Pleasant, Spottsylvania County.*

*St. Paul's Church, Bristol Parish, Petersburg.*—Rev. P. Slaughter, Rector.—The present Rector has had charge of this Congregation for only six months. At the time he entered upon his parochial duties, there were 202 Communicants. During the past six months 44 have been added, 10 have removed, 2 have died—present number 240. Baptisms, infants 33, adults 9—total 42; Funerals 8; Confirmations 40; Marriages 2; Sunday School Teachers 36; Scholars 150. Contributions \$800.

*Bruton Parish, Williamsburg.*—W. Hodges, Rector.—Communicants, added 43, (whites 3, colored 40,) removed, whites 4, died 1, colored 3, died 8—total (white 58, colored 159,) 217; Baptisms, white infants 15, adults colored 2; Marriages, white 5, colored 3; Funerals, whites 2, colored unknown. Amounts collected for different institutions connected with the Church \$152 58.

There is, at this time, an unusual degree of interest manifested in this Congregation, on the great subject of the soul's salvation; so much so, that the Rector deems it his duty to remain at home and continue frequent religious services among his people, rather than attend the Convention. This, he trusts, will be approved by the Convention, and accepted as a sufficient reason for his non-attendance.

*Report of John B. Richmond, Rector of Christ Church Parish, Lancaster County, Virginia.*—Communicants, added 2, removed 1—total 33; Baptisms, infants, viz. white 3, colored 12—total 15; Marriages 2; Funerals 2. I took charge of this parish in the month of October last. The former rectory having been sold on account of its great inconvenience to the Churches of the parish, and its unpleasant location, I with my lady was received into the family of Col. John Cheswning, where we remained partakers of his kindness and hospitality, until the middle of January, when the present parsonage was purchased.

In comparing the present with the report last rendered, I find but little change in the state of the congregations in this parish.



*Report of R. K. Meade, Rector of Christ's Church, Charlottesville.*—Communicants, added 3, removed 6, died 1, withdrawn 1—total 75; Baptisms, adults 1, infants 3—total 4; Confirmations 3; Marriages 7; Funerals 3. Amount collected for charitable purposes \$400.

*Report of William H. Good, Rector of Christ Church, Middlesex, and having charge of Kingston Parish, Matthews County.*—Communicants, added 2, present number 13; Baptisms, white infants 4; Funerals 4; number of Families 13. Collected for Bishop's fund \$10.

REMARKS.—The present incumbent took charge of these parishes in August last.

*Christ Church, Norfolk, Virginia.*—Marriages, white 7, colored 1—total 8; Baptisms, white infants 27, colored infants 5, adult 1—total 33; Funerals, white 17, colored 1—total 18; Confirmations 14; Communicants, removed, &c. 21; added 24, present number 330. Sunday School Teachers 45; Scholars 248. Contributions to various benevolent objects \$34 20. In addition to the above, there have been expended for repairing the Church and purchasing a new organ \$1,616.

May 10, 1840.

UPTON BEALL, Rector.

*Report of the Rev. Geo. Woodbridge, Rector of Christ Church, Richmond.*—Communicants, added 20, removed 18, dead 3—total 115; colored 2; Baptisms, infants 22; Funerals 21; Marriages 7; Confirmations 9. There have been collected during the year, about \$65 for Kenyon College; about \$108 for the Theological Seminary and Education Society; and for benevolent objects connected with the Theological Seminary and High School, about \$60; for the Missionary Society \$25, and for the Convention fund \$113 00.

*Report of George W. Dame, Rector of Camden and Patrick Parishes, Pittsylvania and Henry Counties.*—Communicants, added 18, one from another parish, and one colored, removed 6, died 2—total 42; Baptisms, adults white 9, colored 1, infants white 7—total 17; Marriages 1; Funerals 5.

*Report of Thomas E. Locke, Rector of Cumberland Parish, Lunenburg County, Virginia.*—Communicants, added 7, colored 1, withdrawn 2, suspended 1, died 2—total 55; Baptisms, adults white 1, colored 1—total 2; Baptisms, infants white 7, colored 33—total 42; Confirmations, none; Marriages 5; Funerals 4. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church \$49 50.

*St. James' Church, Dettengen Parish, Prince William County.*—J. Towles, Rector.—Communicants, added 3, present number 17; Baptisms, adult 1, infants white 2, colored 1; Confirmations 4; Marriages 1; Burials, adult 1, infants 4.

*St. Paul's Church, Leeds Parish, Prince William County.*—J. Towles, Rector.—Communicants, added 7, present number 29; Baptisms, infants white 5; Confirmations 3; Marriage 1; Burial, infant 1.

*Elizabeth City Parish, St. John's Church.*—John P. Bauman, Rector.—Communicants, added 4, (2 from Maryland,)—total 34; Marriage 1; a Sunday School in successful operation. Amount collected for objects connected with the Church, viz: Convention \$34, Missions \$11, Sunday School \$17 25.

Our venerable Church has undergone some repairs and improvements, such as a belfry and lecture room, &c. For the latter, we are indebted to the Ladies, whose liberality is worthy of all praise, and whose zeal is untiring. The services are generally well attended, and, on the whole, the prospect is encouraging.

*Report of the Centurion Church, Fort Monroe, Virginia.*—Communicants 14; Baptisms, infants white 15; Marriages 2; Funerals 7. Contributed to Missions \$20.

MARK S. CHEVERS, Chaplain.

*Report of St. Paul's Church, Norfolk, Elizabeth River Parish.*—B. M. Miller, Rector.—Communicants added 23, 12 from other cures; removed 5, died 4, withdrawn 1, present number 108. Baptisms, adults 3, 2 colored; infants 14, 1 colored—total 17; Confirmations 13; Marriages 3; Funerals 13. Contributions about \$200.

*The Rector of Frederick Parish, Clarke County, Reports.*—Marriages 4; Baptisms, infants 10; Funerals 9; Communicants, dead 3, removed 5, added 1—present number 59; Families 37. Amount contributed to benevolent objects between 3 and 400 dollars.

W. G. H. JONES.

P. S. I have no apology to make for not attending the Convention, than feeble health, and the remoteness of Lynchburg from my Parish.

W. G. H. J.

*Christ Church, Winchester.*—William Y. Rooker, Rector.—Number of communicants last reported 92, since added 9, (6 from other cures) died 1, removed 5—total 96; Baptisms, children 6; Marriages 4; Buried 2. Attached to the Sunday School 92 children, 15 teachers, 1 superintendent, 23 assistant superintendents.

The spiritual welfare of the flock is, he trusts, increasing. Sickness prevents him from furnishing an ampler report.

May 16, 1844.

*Fairfax Parish, Christ Church, Alexandria, D. C.*—Charles B. Dana, Rector.—Communicants, added 16, 4 from other cures, removed 18, died 8—total 140, fifteen of whom are colored persons; Baptisms, adults, white 3, Infants, white 10, Colored 1—total 14; Confirmations 15; Marriages 2; Funerals 17; Number of families 75. Amount contributed for benevolent objects about \$700.

The condition of this parish is much the same as when reported last year. The religious services have generally been well attended, and the different benevolent institutions connected with the church well sustained.

*Report of J. H. Morrison, Rector of St. John's Church, Henrico Parish*—Communicants added 11, removed 2—present number 42; Baptisms, 1 adult and 7 infants; Marriages 7; Funerals 2.

May 13th, 1844.

*Hamilton Parish, Fauquier.*—George Lemmon, Rector.—Communicants, added 4 (3 from other cures)—total 39; Baptisms 5; Marriages 7; Funerals 3. Collected for institutions connected with the church \$52.

Feeble health has limited the labors of the Rector almost exclusively to the Parish Church in Warrenton during the year just closed, and deprives him of the pleasure of attending this Convention. But he thinks his health is decidedly improving and hopes to be more abundant in labors the coming year.

*The Minister of Hungar's Parish, Reports.*—Number of baptisms 3, number of deaths 1, number of removals 3, number added 3—present number of communicants 62.

J. UFFORD.

*Report of James Craik, Rector of St. John's and St. Luke's Churches, Kanawha Parish, Kanawha County, May 10, 1844.*—Communicants, added 13, removed 10, suspended 1, withdrawn 1—total 36; Baptisms, white adults 4, infants 11—total 15; Confirmations 19; Marriages 3; Funerals 5; Number of families about 26; Individuals connected therewith about 80. Amount collected for the different institutions connected with the church \$54.

At the date of the last report St. Mark's Parish constituted a part of my charge, and was included in the report. That connection continued until the last fall, when it was dissolved by the happy circumstance that the parish was enabled to secure the services of the Rev. Mr. West, as Rector.

*Report of Lanenburg Parish, Richmond County.*—William N. Ward, Rector.—Confirmations 8, communicants, added 4, died 1—total 24; Baptisms, 5 infants; Marriage 1; Funerals 4.

*Report of Farnham Parish, Richmond County.*—William N. Ward, Rector.—Confirmations 9, communicants, added 1, removed 1—total 19; Baptisms, 1 adult, 2 infants; Marriages 6; Funeral 1.

*Report of Cople Parish, Westmoreland County.*—William N. Ward, Rector.—Confirmations 3, communicants, added 3, removed 3, died 1—total 20; Baptisms 2 infants; Funerals 4.

*Report of Lytleton Parish, Cumberland County.*—O. Bulkley, Rector.—Communicants, added 4, removed 3, died 1—total, present number white 35, colored 1—total 36—baptism, infant, white 1; marriages, white 1, colored 1—total 2; Funeral 1. Amount collected for charitable purposes \$200.

The Rector has been in charge of this parish but a few months—but from his short acquaintance with it and what he has been enabled to learn of its prospects, regards it as a field of much interest. There are two Sunday schools now in operation, which number nearly 70 children, both of which are well supplied with faithful and efficient teachers. Some attention is also being paid to the religious instruction of the servants—which we can but hope will in due time be crowned with a blessing.

*Ca Ira, May 14, 1844.*

*Report of David Caldwell, Rector of Lexington Parish, Amherst County.*—Communicants added 15, removed 5—total 85; baptisms 16, adults 5, infants 11, white 10, colored 1; Confirmations 30; Marriages 6; Funerals 3. Amount collected for various benevolent objects \$250.

God has blessed and is still blessing this parish; under his blessing the church is enlarging and improving in every respect.

*Report of the Wardens of Leeds Parish, Fauquier County.*—Communicants, added 3—total 26; Baptisms, infant 1; Confirmations 7. The amount of the collections taken up for benevolent objects is not recollected. The wardens had hoped the former rector, who has all such information upon register, would have been here to make the regular report. In the absence of better we furnish such as we have.

THOMAS M. AMBLER.  
JAMES K. MARSHALL.

*St. Paul's Church, Lynchburg.*—William H. Kinckle, Rector.—Communicants, added 11, removed 9—total 113: viz. whites 110, colored 3; Baptisms, adults white 4, colored 1—5; infants, white 15, colored 8—23; total of baptisms 28; Candidates for confirmation 11; Marriages of whites 3, of colored 3—total 6; Funerals 4. Contributions, monthly alms for the poor about \$180, missions \$134, education society \$136, contingent fund \$110—total \$560.

*Report of Samuel D. Tompkins, Rector of St. John's Church, Moore Parish, Campbell County.*—Communicants, added 4; reported last year by mistake two that belong to another cure—whole number 16; Baptisms, 2 infants, white; one marriage out of the bounds of the parish.

*May 14th, 1844.*

*Martin's Brandon Parish, Prince George County.*—Aristides S. Smith, Rector.—Communicants, added 2, removed 2, died 1—total 22; Baptisms, infants white 2—total 2; Funerals, white 4 (colored numerous, but list not kept)—total 4. Number of families about 20, adults about 40, infants 35.

The Rector would also state that no inconsiderable portion of his time is devoted

to the religious instruction of the blacks. In the lower part of the parish his services among this people are held in a neat chapel, built for their especial use by the proprietors of two contiguous estates, who, in addition to their ordinary subscriptions towards the support of their minister, are willing to pay liberally for this extra service for the benefit of their slaves. May their example not be without its influence on others similarly situated.

*Christ Church, Newport Parish, Isle of Wight County.*—Aristides S. Smith, Rector.—This interesting church had been destitute of ministerial services for six or eight months, when the present incumbent took charge of it in February last. He has been able to devote to it, however, and to the county of Surry (through which he must necessarily pass in visiting it) only one fourth part of his time, whilst the field is one of sufficient importance to demand the whole time of an active and efficient minister. The church in this region has already lost much in not having such a man residing in their midst, and unless one is speedily obtained it must lose yet more. The present Rector accepted the call to take charge of this church, only till a successor could be found who could devote to its interests his whole time. Such an individual they hope shortly to obtain; it is yet, however, a matter of doubt whether they can find the means of sustaining him. Should they fail in their efforts, it is to be hoped that the Domestic Missionary Society will extend towards them a helping hand. The Rector believes that there is not to be found within the limits of the Diocese a more encouraging field of missionary labor. The present number of communicants in Christ Church, Smithfield, is 38; 35 whites and 3 colored.

Amount due from Christ Church, Smithfield.	-	-	-	-	\$35 00
Do do Martin's, Brandon Parish, Prince George Co.	-	-	-	-	22 00
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*Report of Wm. Norwood, Rector of the Monumental Church, Richmond.*—Communicants, added 33, removed 10, died 4—total 298; Baptisms, infants 27; Confirmations 30; Marriages 7; Funerals 11. Contributions for church purposes.

Assessment,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$298 00
Sunday School,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	76 78
Seminary,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	581 00
Diocesan purposes,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	383 00
Collection for Seminary, May 21st, 1843.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	362 79
Communion Alma,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	287 00
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In addition to which \$15,800 of the cost of St. Paul's Church has been paid since the last Convention.

*Report of E. B. McGuire, Missionary in Meherrin Parish, Greenville County.*—Communicants, added, white 4, (3 from other cures) colored 3, removed 1, died 1—total (of which 10 are colored) 24; Baptisms adults, white 1, colored 10, infants, white 5, colored 51—total 67; Marriages 3; Funerals 6.

The church heretofore reported as in progress of erection has been completed, and is ready for consecration.

At his last report the missionary had charge of Albemarle Parish, Sussex county, which he resigned in November, 1843, and is now under the care of the Rev. E. Withers.

In his efforts to benefit the colored population he has been much encouraged. He preaches regularly to them, and the congregations are respectable for numbers and deportment in the house of God. Some have been already received into the church, and he hopes it is but the earnest of a more abundant harvest.

*Report of James Chisholm, Rector of Norborne Parish, Berkeley County.* (Churches Mt. Zion, Hedgesville, and Trinity, Martinsburg.)—Communicants,

added 7, removed 4, died 3, suspended 2—total 94; Baptisms, adults 3, viz: white 2, colored 1, infants 25, viz: white 20, colored 5—total 28; Confirmations 16; Marriages 4; Funerals 13. Amount collected for the different institutions connected with the church. For the education society \$25. Other contributions \$57 50.—total \$82 50.

*Nelson Parish, Nelson County.*—F. D. Goodwin, Rector.—Communicants, added 1—total 39, (2 being colored); Confirmations 3; Baptisms, white, infants 4; Marriages 1; Funerals 2. Contributions to various objects of benevolence—Virginia Bible Society \$20; General Missions, Domestic \$10; Foreign \$55; Education Society \$10; Building churches out of the parish \$5—total \$100.

*St. James' Church, Northam, Goochland and Fluvanna.*—J. P. B. Wilmer, Rector.—Communicants 38, colored 2, colored, suspended 2—total 40; Baptisms, infants, white 1; Confirmations 13; Marriages 2; Marriages, colored 1; Funerals 1. Amount of funds collected for institutions of the church, \$85.

The Rector having recently entered upon the charge of this parish, is not able to furnish a more satisfactory report. His labors are extended to the formation of a new congregation at Beaver Dam Church.

*Report of J. H. Wingfield, Rector of Trinity Church, Portsmouth Parish, Norfolk county.*—Communicants, added 6, removed 10, died 3, withdrawn 3, present number 93 whites, 2 colored—total 95; Baptisms, adult 1, infants 14—total 15; Confirmations 4; Marriages, 3 white, 1 colored—total 4; Funerals, 9 white, 1 colored—total 10. Contributions collected for different institutions connected with the church,

For Colonization Society,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$199 50
Bible Society of Virginia,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6 00

\$210 50

*Report of John T. Clark, Rector of Roanoke Parish, Halifax county.*—Communicants, added 2, died 1—total 14; Baptisms, 6 infants, white; Ready for confirmation 2; Marriages 8; Funerals 2; Number of families 11. Collected for the church and other charitable purposes about \$200.

*Report of Russel Parish, Bedford County.*—J. S. Marbury, Rector.—Communicants, added 9, removed 3, died 4—total 108; Baptisms, infants, white 27, colored 9—total 36; Marriages 8; Funerals 7. Amount of collection \$37 75.

A new church, about double the size of the former building, has been erected on the site of St. Stephen's and will be speedily completed.

The other church in the parish, Trinity, is about to be repaired and painted.

The parish has suffered severely by losses, and the Rector has to lament that so little success has attended his efforts to repair them. He hopes, however, though the church has not gained much numerically, it has in weight and influence in the community.

*Report of P. F. Berkely, Rector of Raleigh, Genito and Dale Parishes, in the counties of Amelia, Powhatan and Chesterfield.*—Communicants, added 4, removed 3, died 1—total 45; Baptisms, infants, viz: white 5—total 5; Confirmations 2; Marriage 1; Funerals, viz: white 3, colored 8—total 11; Number of families 35, adults 115, infants 63. Amount collected for different Institutions connected with the church \$179.

The Rector is unable to look for encouragement to the additions made to the communion in the above named parishes, during several years past, which have been very small. Some other circumstances, however, lead him to hope that the truths of the Scriptures read and preached in them every Sabbath day, the Sacraments of the Gospel administered from time to time, together with the ordinances of the church, as presented in the prayer-book, are not, under God, without some

salutary influence. Whilst then he feels more deeply than he often expresses, the absence of the highest kind of encouragement to the Christian minister in his labors, he would be grateful for the increased kindness of his parishioners, a somewhat larger and more uniform attendance at the house of God, and as he hopes a more decided concern for their spiritual welfare on the part of at least a few.

That these tokens for good may soon be followed by more effectual operations and complete results of divine grace is his earnest and habitual prayer.

*St. Peter's Church, Port Royal, and Grace Church, St. Mary's Parish, Caroline County.*—William Friend, Rector.—Communicants, added 10, removed 8, died 2, withdrawn 1—total 54; Confirmed 16; Baptisms 6; Burials 5; Marriages 3. Contributions to various religious purposes upwards of \$150.

No marked change has taken place in the condition of these congregations since the last report. Public services have been regular and well attended.

*St. John's Church, Hanover Parish, King George C. H.*—William Friend, Rector.—Communicants, added 6, removed 1—total 11; Confirmed 4; Baptisms 6; Burials 4.

A very neat and commodious brick church, erected in this parish, was consecrated last summer by the assistant bishop.

The stated congregation has increased very much. The condition and prospects of the church are encouraging.

*Report of A. Empie, Rector of St. James' Church, Richmond, May, 1844.*—Communicants, added 26, removed 19, died 4, withdrawn 1—total 152, of whom 2 are colored; Baptisms, adults 3, infants 15—total 18; Confirmations 6; Marriages 2, 1 white, 1 colored; Funerals 15, of which 8 only belonged to the parish; 75 children in the Sunday school, in other respects the parish is about the same as last reported.

*St. George's Church, Fredericksburg.*—E. C. McGuire, Rector.—Communicants, added 13, died 1, removed 10—total 150; Baptisms, adults 4, infants 12—total 16; Confirmations 13; Funerals 10; Marriages 9; Sunday schools 3, scholars 150, teachers 25; Bible classes 2. Contributions to religious and benevolent objects \$1,100.

*Report of John P. McGuire, Rector of St. Ann's and South Farnham Parishes, Essex co. Va.*—St. Ann's; Communicants, added 4; died 2, (1 col'd) total—30; baptisms 2; confirmations 3; marriages 4; Funerals 3. South Farnham; Communicants, added 4—total 33; baptisms, adults white 2, infants white 14, colored 2—total 16; confirmations 5, marriages 4, funerals 4.

Amount collected for different institutions connected with the church, about \$250.

*Walker's Church, Christ Church, St. Ann's Parish, Albemarle co.*—E. Boyden, Rector.—Baptisms 3; Confirmations 8; communicants, added 7—total 44; marriages 2; funerals 4; contributions have been made to the Missionary cause; the Bible, Tract and Colonization Societies; to what specific amount the minister is not now able to say.

*Report of Geo. Adie, Rector of St. James' Church, Leesburg, Shelburne Parish, Loudoun co.*—Communicants: removed 12; died 3—total, white, 66; colored 2—68; baptisms, infants white 10, colored 10—total 20; confirmations 14; marriages 7; funerals 8; number of families about 60.

Amount collected for the different institutions of the church, about \$300.

There is nothing peculiar in the present state of this congregation.

The Rector might enumerate some circumstances calculated to encourage him; while there is much over which he has too much cause to mourn for others and to be humble.

He continues his labors at Aldie, preaching there the third Sabbath in the month. Here there are seven communicants.

He has been preaching in the afternoon at Middleburg, for the last six months, they being at present without a minister.

He preaches also once a fortnight generally at Belmont, Miss Mercer's school, Sabbath afternoon, where there are 6 communicants. Here he preaches to a very interesting congregation, composed principally of her scholars and domestics and the neighbors around. A very interesting and proper state of religious feeling has been manifest here for some months past, and several, it is hoped, have already declared themselves on the Lord's side.

*St. Thomas' Church, Orange co.*—J. Earnest, Rector.—Communicants, added 22, (3 from other cures,) removed 1—total 65: baptisms, adults 8, infants 6—total 14; confirmations 20; marriages 4; funerals 4; contributions to various benevolent objects, \$95 97.

He continues to devote a portion of his time to the congregation worshipping at Mechanicsville, in Louisa county. The number of communicants here, so far as he has been able to ascertain is 7, of whom 3 have been added since his last report; one of them was a Roman Catholic. Baptisms, infants 3; confirmations 9; marriages 2. Amount collected for institutions connected with the church, \$59 56.

A neat and commodious brick church is now in building near the village, which it is expected will be ready for consecration by the coming fall.

*Report of John W. Woodville, Minister of St. Mark's Parish, Culpeper county.*—During the last year one communicant has been added to the church, who has also been confirmed. I have baptized infants, white 5, colored 4—total 9; I have solemnized 1 marriage, and officiated at 1 funeral. The number of communicants in this parish is 11, but we hope soon to add to their number such as will adorn the doctrine of Christ in all things, and persevere in the ways of truth and holiness unto their lives' end.

*St. James' Parish, Mecklenburg county.*—F. H. McGuire, Rector.—Communicants, added 1, removed 5, died 3—total 66; Baptisms 6; Marriages 2; Funerals 10. Amount contributed to the benevolent institutions of the Church \$144 03. Neat frame building is under process of erection in this parish, and may be ready for consecration by the time the Bishop reaches this parish.

*St. Stephen's Church, St. Mark's Parish, Culpeper.*—J. Cole, Rector.—Communicants, added 8, removed 7—total 52; Baptisms, adults white 4, infants 11, viz. white 3, colored 8; Confirmations 8.

*St. James' Church, St. Mark's Parish, Culpeper.*—J. Cole, Rector.—Communicants, added 2, died 2—total 15; Baptisms, infants 8, white 3, colored 5; Confirmations 1; Funerals 2.

*Report of John Martin, Rector of St. Paul's Parish, King George County, Virginia.*—Communicants, added 11, removed 4, died 3—total 31; Baptisms, adults 2, white; infants 7, white—total 9; Confirmations 14; Marriages 5; Funerals 20; number of Families 25. Amount collected by Bishop John's for Diocesan Missionary Society \$12 50—Theological Seminary \$9 00—Foreign and Domestic Missions \$33 00—Bishop's fund \$25 00. The spiritual condition of the parish is rather encouraging. Several more are expected soon to unite with the communicants.

*Report of John Martin, Rector of Washington Parish, Westmoreland County, Virginia.*—Communicants, added 3, (2 from other cures,) died 1—total 7; Confirmations 2; Funerals 2; number of Families 15. Collected for Diocesan Missionary Society, by Bishop John's \$9 50—Bishop's fund \$3 00.

*There is much need of increased ministerial services in this county, and some*

signs of good, which encourage the hope, that such labors would not be in vain in the Lord.

*Report of J. T. Johnston, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Alexandria.* Communicants, added 19, (5 from other cures and denominations,) died 3—total 165; Baptisms, adults 2, white; infants 42, white—total 44; Confirmations 11; (one from Theological Seminary 7,) Marriages 5; Funerals 13; Sunday School, superintendents 2, teachers 28, scholars 223. Amount collected for religious and benevolent purposes \$653 96.

*Report of Wm. V. Bowers, Rector of St. Martin's Parish, Hanover County.*—Communicants, added 5; two of whom were from another parish—total 75; Baptisms, adults 2, infants 7—total 9; Marriage 1; Funeral 1; number of Families 46. Amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church.

Contingent fund, delinquency of last year,	-	-	-	-	-	\$23 25
Do. do. for present year,	-	-	-	-	-	75 00
Missionary Society, (general.)	-	-	-	-	-	48 00
Diocesan Missionary Society,	-	-	-	-	-	6 00
Education Society,	-	-	-	-	-	58 40

Total, - - - - - \$210 65

Sunday Schools 2—the condition of which cannot definitely be reported.

St. Paul's Church, at Hanover Court-House, is nearly prepared for consecration. It is a neat commodious edifice, costing about \$2,300, exclusive of contributions in timber, labor, &c.

Meetings for the servants were held for the religious instruction of the servants, by the Rector.

*Report of Edwin A. Dalrymple, Rector of St. Peter's Parish, New Kent County.*—Communicants 15; Confirmations 4; Baptism, 1 infant. This parish had been destitute of regular Church services for about fifty years, until October, of 1843, when the present Rector was chosen by a Vestry elected in the preceding August. Arrangements have been made to put the Church in complete repair, during the summer. Services are held once a month in the Church, for the benefit of the servants.

*Report of Edwin A. Dalrymple, Rector of St. Paul's Parish, Hanover County.*—Communicants 9; Confirmations 2; Funerals 2. This parish, which had been without regular Episcopal services for more than half a century, was re-organized in the autumn of 1843, by the election of a Vestry, and the appointment of the present Rector. The Church Edifice has been thoroughly repaired by a zealous Communicant, and the prospects are thought to be encouraging. Service is held at the Church once a month for the servants.

P. O.—Old Church, Hanover County.

*Report of Edwin A. Dalrymple, Rector of St. David's Parish, King William County.*—Communicants 6; Confirmation 1; Baptisms, 5 infants; Funeral 1. This parish was re-organized in the autumn of 1843, by the election of a Vestry and the appointment of the present Rector. It had been without regular services for thirty or forty years. Besides a regular service once a month in this parish, the Rector has preached once a month at the Acquinton Church, in the neighborhood, to nearly the same congregation.

*St. Paul's Church, Suffolk, Nansemond County.*—Charles H. Disbrow, Rector. Communicants, added 3—total 30; Baptisms, adults 1, infants 19—total 20; Marriages 4; Funerals 3; number of Families 30; Contributions, about \$100.

The present Rector commenced his official duties in this parish in the month of October, 1843, since which time he has seen much to encourage him in his new



and interesting field of labor. A Sunday School has been organized under favorable auspices, and is now in successful operation.

The Vestry are making arrangements for the immediate erection of a neat and substantial Brick Church, and there has been, already, upwards of \$1500 subscribed within the parish for this purpose.

*St. John's Church, Chuckatuck, Nansemond County.*—Charles H. Disbrow, Rector.—Communicants, added 1—total 9; number of Families 20. In addition to regular services in the above mentioned parishes, the Rector has officiated monthly, in the lower parish of Nansemond, in the vicinity of an old Episcopal Church, a venerable relic of antiquity which he hopes will ere long be repaired and consecrated anew to the service for which it was originally designed.

*Trinity Church, Staunton.*—T. T. Castleman, Rector.—I entered on the duties of this parish in October last. Since that time 11 have been added to the communion, 1 died, 7 removed—total, whites 73, colored 2, whole number 75; Baptisms, whites 5; Marriages 3; Funerals 2. Amount contributed to various benevolent purposes \$247 28.

*Trinity Church, Shepherdstown, Jefferson County.*—C. W. Andrews, Rector.—Communicants, added 27, removed 2—total 59; Baptisms, adults 3; infants 18—total 21; Marriages 7; Funerals 3; number of Families 43, parts of Families 8. Amount collected for different institutions connected with the Church \$350, including improvements upon the church building \$550.

The memory of the past year will be precious to many connected with this Church.

*Tillotson Parish, Buckingham.*—No Rector.—Communicants, white 28, colored 2—total 30.

P. A. BOLLING, *Lay Delegate.*

*Wickliffe Parish, Clarke County, Virginia.*—A. Shiras, late Rector.—Communicants, last reported 87, added 5, three by removal from other parishes—removed 11, leaving 81—of which number 3 are colored; Baptisms, adults 2, infants 10—total 12; Marriages 8; Funerals 5.

In making his last report, the late Rector of this interesting parish, would gratefully acknowledge that "goodness and mercy have followed him" throughout the whole of his connection with it. His labors for its spiritual and temporal interests have been blessed beyond his expectations or his hopes. Fifty-three Communicants added; a lovely parsonage built; a parish library collected, and a new Church Edifice contracted for, and about to be commenced, are the monuments of God's goodness to him which, after four years residence, he leaves behind.

*West Russel, Bedford County.*—Nelson Sale, Minister.—Communicants, added 9, (chiefly from other cures,) died 1—total 46; Baptisms, adults, viz. white 1, infants, viz. white 6, colored 4—total 10; Marriages 3; (2 in an adjoining parish,) Funerals 2.

The Minister would add that the two Church Edifices mentioned in his last report, are in progress, and will probably be completed this year.

*Woodville Parish, Rockbridge and Botetourt Counties.*—Wm. Bryant, Rector.—Communicants, added 21; one from another Diocese, and one from another denomination; removed 12—total 39; Baptisms, infants white 4, colored 2—total 6. Those who have removed, have been chiefly graduated Cadets from the Military Institute. The Church Edifice mentioned in my last report, as being about to be commenced, has been completed, and is now ready, in all respects, for consecration.

a little more than a year since I commenced my labors in Houston. On  
al here, I found the parish had been previously organized by the Rev. Mr.  
nd though there were no records, I found after diligent search, fifteen per-  
called themselves Communicants in the Episcopal Church. During my  
re, twelve have been added to the communion—one by removal, two from  
nominations, and nine who had not before united with any church, so  
whole number of communicants at this time is twenty-seven. It is wor-  
mark, that all who were added, with one exception, are heads of families.  
its visitation of the Bishop, thirteen were confirmed—two of these had  
Presbyterians, and united with our communion, about two years previous.  
truly great cause for thankfulness to Him who is the Lord of the Vine-  
t: he has so graciously smiled upon the labors of his unworthy servant,  
ed him, even in this barren soil, already to see some fruit of his labor.  
who has begun his good work, carry it on unto perfection, and to Him be  
lory.

baptized in this place, and in my visits to the surrounding country, eleven  
and one adult. Bishop Polk, during his visit, baptized one adult and two  
making all the baptisms sixteen. I have solemnized the holy rite of  
ny ten times, and been called to attend eleven funerals. Two of the chil-  
I baptized, their parents brought more than sixty miles from the interior,  
-back.

g no house of our own in which to meet for public worship, we have been  
s yet, to commence a Sunday School. A number of my communicants  
were in the Presbyterian School, as that was commenced before I came to  
s, and we are permitted to worship in their house. Our having no church  
at drawback upon our prosperity at this time, and we suffer not from any  
willingness on the part of the people here, but because they have not the  
supply their own necessities.

will be the final result, God alone knows, but our brethren from abroad  
us, if our beloved Zion takes quickly the stand she ought, and might, if  
means were furnished, in this now young and depressed country, but yet to  
and flourishing.

Your son in the ministry,

C. GILLETT.

t of Rev. C. K. Nelson, officiating in Clarke.—It has been just twelve  
since I accepted the invitation of the Vestry of Frederick Parish, Clarke

At the present, from two to three hundred are brought under the ministrations of the Gospel every Sunday.

The increased interest of the congregations is more remarkable still. I have never, in my whole life, witnessed such intense interest as is sometimes manifested. If I have ever felt that God was present in a congregation, it has been when I have seen some hundreds of these poor ignorant creatures attentive and interested to a degree that would savor of vanity to relate.

The causes of improvement are the removal of the causes of declension, and an increase of effort on our part. Without any solicitation on my part, the servants of the plantations, where they themselves were in the habit, have requested me to preach regularly to them. They request me to baptize their children—many of whom I have baptized—to marry them and to bury their dead.

By visiting the sick and dying—by speaking to them kindly wherever I meet them—by showing them any other little attentions and kindnesses in my power, I have gained their entire confidence. By prayer-meetings at night during the winter, and early in the morning, or late in the evening during the summer, this interest is kept up. I have made the experiment of Oral Sunday School and Catechetical instruction with the young, and find it successful beyond my expectations. I have two religious services every Sunday, and generally two during the week. Some few have, I trust, become true Christians, and several are deeply interested. After twelve months experience, my increased conviction is, that with a little faithful effort, much may be done for the religious improvement of the servants of our land.

*The Rev. George A. Smith*, in obedience to the requisitions of the Canon, reports, that being still unable from weakness of voice to discharge the duties of a parish, he continues in charge of the Fairfax Institute. He has endeavored to fulfil to his important, though limited charge, the office of a pastor as well as an instructor, and to impress habitually upon them the importance of the "fear of God," as "the beginning of wisdom." The number of pupils, at present, is thirty-eight—all attend the services in the Chapel of the Theological Seminary, in which the principal of the school has statedly officiated, in connexion with the other clergy of the vicinity.

*Report of Rev. E. R. Lippitt.*—In addition to my duties as Editor of the Southern Churchman, I have not unfrequently aided the Clergymen of Alexandria and the neighborhood, both in the desk and in the pulpit, besides having performed, during the past year, the burial service in three instances.

*Trinity Parish, Louisa.*—I am still endeavoring to build up this old and dilapidated parish, and though discouraged by many circumstances, I am not without hopes of ultimate success.

During the past year I officiated at three places—Locust Grove, the Court House and South Anna. At the latter place the congregation is yet small, but at the other two, they are large and attentive.

At a visit of the Right Reverend the Senior Bishop last fall, five persons were confirmed, and I have reasons to believe that there are others who will soon follow their example. There are now seven communicants. I have baptized since the last Convention two infants, and officiated at four funerals and one marriage. The number of families who would give a preference to the Episcopal Church, I am yet unable to state.

JOHN COOK.

May 11th, 1844.

*Report of Rev. Thomas Smith, Parkersburg.*—Communicants, added 14, removed 1, died 1—total 18; Baptisms, adults white 3; Baptisms, infants white 4; Confirmations 7; Marriages 5; Funerals 3.

*Rev. Thomas Smith, Clarksburg.*—Communicants—7; Baptisms, infants—7.

*Weston Church.*—Communicants, added 3—total 6.

My duties at Parkersburg and vicinity are important, engrossing, and encouraging. Our Church is contracted for and we hope to have it enclosed this summer, and with assistance from abroad to have the interior finished. Our Female Seminary has opened its second term with more encouraging prospects than heretofore. It is likely, though now expensive, after a while, to be productive. It bids fair to be of commanding influence for the Church. This parish was only organized 17th July, 1843, since which, I have baptized 24 infants and 3 adults; Married 5, Buried 3. I found 4 Communicants and have admitted 14, removed 1, died 1, confirmed 7. For general remarks, see reports.

*Report of the Rev. Mr. McElroy, principal of the Female Institute, Staunton.* I commenced my labors in the Institute on the 8th of April last, and in Boyden Chapel, on the 14th. The Chapel has been, you are aware, closed for some two years. I have found 15 Communicants in the parish. The Port Republic neighborhood does not, I understand, belong to the parish.

## FORM OF PAROCHIAL REPORT.

Report of (or of	Rector of parish)	church, county.
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*Communicants: added ; removed ;  
died ; suspended : total .*

*Baptisms: adults ; viz. white ;  
colored ; infants ; viz. white .  
colored : total .*

*Confirmations*

*Marriages*

*Funerals*

*Number of families , adults , infants*

*Amount collected for the different institutions  
connected with the church, \$*

*(Remarks to be added by the Rector.)*

NOTE.—The Clergy are respectfully requested to frame their Parochial Reports in strict conformity with the above; the time and labor required in framing the abstract, and the importance of furnishing the appropriate committee with a statement as speedily as possible after the opening of the Convention, renders this request necessary. The Clergy are further requested, when not attending the Convention, to transmit their reports to the *Secretary*, otherwise he cannot be answerable for their omission in the Journal.

B. M. MILLER,

*Secretary of Convention and Rector of St. Paul's Church, Norfolk.*

# ABSTRACT OF PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

## PARISHES AND CHURCHES.

PARISHES AND CHURCHES.															
COMMUNICANTS.						BAPTISMS.				Confirmations.	Marriages.	Funerals.	No. of Families.	Contributions.	
Added.		Suspended.	Died.	Total.		White.		Colored.							Total.
White	Col'd			Adults.	Infants.	Adults.	Infants.								
Abington and Ware Parishes, Gloucester county	2	44	7	2	44	6	2	13	3	1	8		\$75 00		
Antrim Parish, Halifax	9	11	1	1	66			8	27	5	14		581 00		
Augusta Parish, Trinity Church, Staunton	11	2	7	75	10			5	5	3	2		247 28		
Albemarle Parish, Sussex and Southampton			3		15				19	1	2	26	7 00		
Boyden Chapel, Augusta county (vacant.)															
Baton Parish, Williamsburg	3	40	7	9	217			15	2	8	2		152 56		
Bruton Parish, Dinwiddie, and St. Ann's Parish, Brunswick					89										
Botetourt Parish, Botetourt and Roanoke county	8				43			3	7		3	21	61 00		
Berkeley Parish, St. John's Church and St. Geo. Parish, Christ Church	3				72		1	1	2	14	6		800 00		
Spottsylvania and St. Margaret's Parish, Caroline	44	10	10	2	240		9	33	42	40	8				
Bristol Parish, St. Paul's Church, Petersburg	3	3	3	3	20		2	2	2	3	4		27 00		
Cople Parish, Westmoreland	2	2	1	1	33		3	3	12	15	4	13			
Christ Church Parish, Lancaster	2	14	6	1	75		1	3	4	3	7		20 00		
Christ Church, Middlesex and Kingston Parish, Matthews	3	7	1	2	55		1	3	42	5	4		400 00		
Centurion Church, Fort Monroe	24	1	21	330	27		1	5	33	14	8	18	49 50		
Christ Church, Charlottesville	18	1	6	2	42		9	7	17	1	5		3,420 00		
Cumberland Parish, Lunenburg	20		18	3	115		22		9	7	21		371 00		
Christ Church, Norfolk	10				46		1	7	4	7	2	6	28 25		
Camden and Patrick Parish, Pittsylvania and Henry county	4				34				1	17	3	13	200 00		
Christ Church, Richmond	23		5	108	1		13	2	1	13	4	9	450 00		
Dottongen Parish, St. James' Church and Leeds Parish, St. Paul's Church, } Prince William	1														
Elizabeth City Parish, St. John's Church, Hampton	1														
Elizabeth River Parish, St. Paul's, Norfolk	1														
Frederick Parish, Clarke county	9		5	3	58		6	6	6	4	2	4			
Frederick Parish, Christ Church, Winchester	16		18	8	140		3	10	1	14	15	2	700 00		
Fairfax Parish, Christ Church, Alexandria	1		1	19	1		2	3	1	3	6	1			
Farmham Parish, Richmond county	23		1	41	3		17	9	29	21	12	31	15 00		
Grace Church, Petersburg															

George										Campbell county									
St. George's Church, Fredericksburg	1	1	24	1	5	10	31	67	2	3	4	30	1,988	57					
St. Peter's Church, Port Royal and Grace	2	2	54	2	8	1	8	28	1	1	11	35	179	00					
St. John's Church, Hanover Parish, King George county	1	1	113	1	1	1	1	14	1	1	1	1	1	1					
St. Paul's Church, Lynchurch	1	1	65	1	1	1	1	14	1	1	1	1	1	1					
St. Thomas' Church, Orange county	1	1	75	1	1	1	1	14	1	1	1	1	1	1					
St. Martin's Church, Hanover county	1	1	40	1	1	1	1	13	1	1	1	1	1	1					
St. James' Church, Northam, Goochland and Fluvanna county	1	1	9	1	1	1	1	5	1	1	1	1	1	1					
St. Paul's Parish, Hanover	1	1	15	1	1	1	1	14	1	1	1	1	1	1					
St. David's Parish, New Kent	1	1	30	1	1	1	1	20	1	1	1	1	1	1					
St. Peter's Church, Alexandria	1	1	30	1	1	1	1	20	1	1	1	1	1	1					
St. Paul's Church, Suffolk	1	1	9	1	1	1	1	18	1	1	1	1	1	1					
St. John's Church, Chuckatuck county	1	1	152	1	1	1	1	15	1	1	1	1	1	1					
St. James' Church, Richmond	1	1	52	1	1	1	1	15	1	1	1	1	1	1					
St. Mark's Parish, St. Stephen's Church, Culpeper	1	1	15	1	1	1	1	14	1	1	1	1	1	1					
St. Mark's Parish, St. James' Church, Culpeper	1	1	31	1	1	1	1	9	1	1	1	1	1	1					
St. Paul's Parish, King George	1	1	11	1	1	1	1	4	1	1	1	1	1	1					
St. Mark's Parish, Culpeper county	1	1	7	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1					
Trinity Parish, Louisa county	1	1	30	1	1	1	1	21	1	1	1	1	1	1					
Trinity Parish, Buckingham	1	1	59	1	1	1	1	6	1	1	1	1	1	1					
Trinity Church, Shepherdstown	1	1	39	1	1	1	1	10	1	1	1	1	1	1					
Woodville Parish, Clarke county	1	1	81	1	1	1	1	12	1	1	1	1	1	1					
Wickliffe Parish, Charles county	1	1	25	1	1	1	1	13	1	1	1	1	1	1					
Westover Parish, Bedford county	1	1	46	1	1	1	1	11	1	1	1	1	1	1					
Washington Parish, Westmoreland	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1					
Missionary to Texas—C. Gillet	1	1	27	1	1	1	1	7	1	1	1	1	1	1					

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# A LIST

## OF THE CLERGY OF THE DIOCESE OF VIRGINIA,

WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE

### PARISHES AND POST OFFICES.

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☞ The Clergy who have recently entered the Diocese or removed from one part to another are requested, when they present their Parochial Reports to the Convention, to send in also the names of their respective Post Offices, if they expect them to be inserted in the following list.

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CLERGY.	PARISHES OR CHURCHES.	POST OFFICES.
Rt. Rev. Wm. Meade, D.D.		Millwood, Clarke county.
Rt. Rev. J. Johns, D.D.		Richmond.
Adie, Rev. George	Shelburne parish,	Leesburg, Loudon.
Andrews, C. W.	Trinity Church,	Shepherdstown, Jefferson.
Armstrong, Rev. Wm.	St. Matthew's church,	Wheeling, Ohio county.
Bausman, Rev. John	St. John's church,	Hampton, Elizabeth City co.
Beall, Rev. Upton	Christ church,	Norfolk.
Bulkley, Rev. O.	Lyttleton parish,	Ca Ira, Cumberland.
Berkely, Rev. P. F.	Raleigh and Dale parishes,	Wilkinsonville, Chesterfield.
Bowers, Rev. Wm. V.	St. Martin's parish,	New Amsterdam, Hanover.
Boyden, Rev. E.	St. Ann's and Walker's parishes,	Everettsville, Albemarle.
Bryant, Rev. Wm.	Woodville parish,	Lexington, Rockbridge.
Castleman, Rev. T. T.	Trinity church,	Staunton, Augusta.
Caldwell, Rev. D.	Lexington parish,	New Glasgow, Amherst.
Craig, Rev. James	Kanawha parish,	Kanawha Courthouse.
Chevers, Rev. M. L.	Centurion church,	Old Point Comfort.
Chisholm, Rev. James	Norborne parish,	Hedgesville, Berkely county.
Clark, Rev. John T.	Roanoke parish.	Mt. Laurel, Halifax.
Cole, Rev. John	St. Stephen's church,	Culpeper Courthouse.
Cooke, Rev. John	Officiating in Louisa,	New Amsterdam, Hanover.
Cofer, Rev. J. M.		Lynchburg.
Christian, Rev. Edmund	Franklin parish,	Rocky Mount, Franklin.
Dame, Rev. G. W.	Camden and Patrick parishes,	Danville, Pittsylvania co.
Dana, Rev. C. B.	Christ Church,	Alexandria, D. C.
Doughan, Rev. James		Lynchburg.
Dalrymple, Rev. E. A.	St. Paul's parish,	Old Church, P. O., Hanover.
Disbrow, Rev. C. H.	St. Paul's church,	Suffolk, Nansemond.
Earnest, Rev. Joseph	St. Thomas' church,	Orange Courthouse.
Empie, D.D., Rev. A.	St. James' church,	Richmond.
Friend, Rev. Wm.	St. Peter's and Grace churches,	Port Royal, Caroline.
Goodwin, Rev. F. D.	Nelson parish,	Tye River Wa'house, Nelson.
Goodwin, Rev. James	Missionary,	Point Pleasant, Mason.
Grammer, Rev. John	Antrim parish,	Halifax Courthouse.
Gibson, Rev. C. J.	Grace church,	Petersburg.
Gillett, Rev. Charles	Missionary,	Houston, Texas.
Hill, Rev. John H.	Missionary,	Athens, Greece.
Hodges, Rev. William	Bruton parish,	Williamsburg.
Harrison, Rev. J. H.	St. John's church,	Wellsburg, Brooke.
Henning, Rev. Edmund W.	Missionary,	Africa.
Jackson, Rev. W. M.	Chaplain United States Navy.	Charlottesville, Albemarle.
Jackson, Rev. W. G.	St. Paul's church,	Alexandria, D. C.
Johnston, Rev. James T.	St. Andrew's parish,	Charlestown, Jefferson.
Jones, Rev. Alexander	Frederick parish,	
Jones, Rev. W. G. H.		

## CLERGY.

Keeling, Rev. Jacob  
Kunkle, Rev. W. H.

Levell, Rev. W. T.  
Lee, Rev. J. R.  
Lemmon, Rev. George  
Lippitt, Rev. E. R.  
Locke, Rev. Thomas E.  
Lockwood, Rev. William

Mann, Rev. Charles  
Marbury, Rev. J. S.  
Martin, Rev. John  
Massey, Rev. J. A.  
May, D.D., Rev. James  
Meade, Rev. R. K.  
Miller, Rev. B. M.  
Morrison, Rev. J. H.  
McElroy, Rev. J.  
McFarland, Rev. M.  
McGuire, D.D., Rev. E. C.  
McGuire, Rev. J. P.  
McGuire, Rev. F. H.  
McGuire, Rev. E. B.  
Nelson, Rev. C. K.  
Newell, Rev. C.  
Norwood, Rev. W.

Packard, Rev. Joseph  
Payne, Rev. John  
Pata, Rev. M. P.  
Pendleton, Rev. W. N.  
Pendleton, Rev. W. H.

Rooker, Rev. W. Y.

Sale, Rev. Nelson  
Slaughter, Rev. P.  
Smith, Rev. Thomas  
Smith, Rev. Joseph  
Smith, Rev. George A.  
Smith, Rev. Aristides  
Smith, Rev. Leonidas  
Sparrow, D.D., Rev. W.  
Syme, D.D., Rev. A.

Temple, Rev. H. W. L.  
Towles, Rev. John  
Tyler, Rev. Joseph D.  
Tompkins, Rev. S. D.  
Uford, Rev. J.

Ward, Rev. W. N.

Wharton, Rev. D. M.

Wingfield, Rev. J. H.  
Woodbridge, Rev. George  
Woodville, Rev. J. W.  
Winchester, Rev. T. W.  
Wilmer, Rev. J. P. B.  
West, Rev.  
Withers, Rev. E.

## PARISHES OR CHURCHES.

St. Paul's church,

Westover parish,  
Missionary,  
Hamilton parish,

Cumberland parish,

Abingdon and Ware parishes,  
Russel parish, Bedford,  
St. Paul's church,  
Bath parish,  
Professor Theological Seminary,  
Christ church,  
St. Paul's church,  
St. John's church,  
{ Boyden Chapel and Principal of }  
{ Female Institute, }  
St. John's church,  
St. George's church,  
St. Ann's and S. Farnham parishes,  
St. James' church,  
Meherrin parish,  
Officiating in Clarke,  
Chaplain United States Navy,  
Monumental church,

Professor Theological Seminary,  
Missionary,  
Chaplain West Point Academy,  
Principal High School,  
Botetourt parish,

Frederick parish,

West Russel parish,  
Bristol parish,  
Missionary,

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Principal Fairfax Institute,  
Martin's, Brandon parish,

Professor Theological Seminary,

Dettengen and Leed's parishes,  
Principal Deaf and Dumb Institute,  
Moore parish, St. John's church,  
Hungar's parish,  
{ Lunenburg, Farnham and Cople }  
{ parishes, }  
{ Berkely, St. George's and St. }  
{ Margaret's parishes, }  
Trinity church,  
Christ church,  
St. Mark's parish,  
St. George's parish,  
Northam parish,  
Officiating in Kanawha,  
Albemarle parish, Sussex,

## POST OFFICES.

Suffolk, Nansemond.  
Lynchburg.

Charles City Courthouse.  
Africa.  
Warrenton, Fauquier.  
Alexandria, D. C.  
Columbian Grove, Lunenburg.  
Theol. Seminary, Fairfax.

Gloucester Courthouse.  
New London, Campbell.  
King George Courthouse.  
Dinwiddie Courthouse.  
Theol. Seminary, Fairfax.  
Charlottesville.  
Norfolk.  
Richmond.

Staunton, Augusta.  
City Point, Prince George.  
Fredericksburg.  
Loretto, Essex.  
Boydton, Mecklenburg.  
Poplar Mt., Greensville, co.  
Millwood, Clarke.

Richmond.

Theol. Seminary, Fairfax.  
Africa.  
West Point, N. Y.  
Theol. Seminary, Fairfax.  
Fincastle, Botetourt.

Winchester.

Davis' Store, Bedford.  
Petersburg.  
Parkersburg, Wood county.  
Cape Palmas, Africa.  
Theol. Seminary, Fairfax.  
Garysville, Prince George.  
Norfolk.  
Theol. Seminary, Fairfax.  
Petersburg.

Miller's Tavern, Essex.  
Milford Mills, Prince Wm.  
Staunton, Augusta.  
Lynchburg.  
Eastville, Northampton.

Warsaw, Richmond county.

Mt. Pleasant, Spottsylvania.  
Portsmouth.  
Richmond.  
El Dorado, Culpeper.  
Onancock, Accomac.  
Goochland Courthouse.  
Kanawha Courthouse.  
Jerusalem, Southampton.



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## OF THE PARISHES OF THE DIOCESE OF VIRGINIA,

WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE

### COUNTIES, CHURCHES, AND MINISTERS.

☐ The Clergy will greatly assist the Secretary in completing the following list, which here but imperfectly commenced, if they will at the next Convention insert in their Parochial Reports the names of the *counties, parishes, and churches* under their care.

PARISHES.	COUNTIES.	CHURCHES.	MINISTERS.
Accomac, Abingdon, Albemarle, Antrim, Augusta, Bath, Berkely, Botetourt, Bruton, Boyden, Bloomfield,	Accomac, Gloucester, Sussex, Halifax, Augusta, Dinwiddie, Spottsylvania, Botetourt and Roanoke, James City, Augusta, Madison,	St. Mark's, Trinity, Sapony, St. John's,  Piedmont, Trinity, St. Paul's,	Charles Mann. E. Withers. John Grammer. T. T. Castleman. J. A. Massey. D. M. Wharton. W. H. Pendleton. William Hodges. J. McElroy.
Bristol, Brunswick, Brunswick, Camden, Clarksburg, { Cople, { Lunenburg, { N. Farnham, Christ church, Cumberland,	Prince George, Stafford, King George, Pittsylvania, Harrison,  Westmoreland, Richmond, Lancaster, Lunenburg,	Lamb's Creek, St. Andrew's,  Christ, { St. James', { St. Paul's, Roanoke,	P. Slaughter.  G. W. Dame. T. Smith.  W. N. Ward. J. B. Richmond. { Thomas E. Locke.
Cornwall, Christ church, Camden,	Charlotte, Middlesex, Pittsylvania,	{ Danville and { Competition, Sapony, St. James', { St. John's, { Centurion, { St. Paul's, { Christ, { Trinity, { Christ, Buckmountain,	W. H. Goode. { G. W. Dame. P. F. Berkely John Towles. J. P. Bausman. M. L. Chevers. B. M. Miller. U. Beall.
Dale, Dettengen, Elizabeth City,	Chesterfield, Prince William, Elizabeth City,	{ Christ, Trinity, Christ, Buckmountain,	R. K. Meade.
Frederickville,	Albemarle,	Christ church, { Christ, { St. Paul's, { Falls', { Wickliffe, { The Chapel,	W. Y. Rooker. C. B. Dana. J. T. Johnston.
Frederick, Fairfax,  Frederick, Franklin,	Frederick, Fairfax,  Clarke, Franklin,		W. G. H. Jones. E. Christian.

IND.	COUNTIES.	CHURCHES.	MINISTERS.
	Henrico,	{ Monumental, St. John's, Christ, St. James', St. John's, Hungar's, Christ,	Wm. Norwood. J. H. Morrison. George Woodbridge. A. Empie, D.D. William Friend. J. Ufford. George Lemmon. J. Towles. James Craik.
	King George,		
	Northampton,		
	Fauquier,		
	Prince William,		
	Kanawha,	{ St. John's, } { St. Mark's, }	
	Fauquier,		
	Princess Ann,	{ Emanuel, and } { Chapel, } { Amherst C. H. } { New Glasgow, }	
	Amherst,		D. Caldwell.
	Richmond,		W. N. Ward.
	Prince William,	St. Paul's,	J. Towles.
	Cumberland,		O. Bulkley.
	Chesterfield,		
	Loudon,		
ndon,	Prince George,	Merchant's Hope,	A. Smith.
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	Greenville,		E. B. McGuire.
	Campbell,	{ St. John's, St. Paul's, Christ, Mill Creek, }	S. D. Tompkins. W. H. Kinckle.
	Berkley,		J. Chisholm.
	Isle of Wight,	Christ Church,	Aristides S. Smith.
	Nelson,	{ Trinity and } { Callaway, }	F. D. Goodwin.
	Nottoway,		
	Stafford,	Aquia,	
	Norfolk,	Trinity,	J. H. Wingfield.
	Gloucester,		
	Bedford,	{ Trinity, St. Stephen's, }	J. S. Marbury.
	Amelia,	Grub Hill,	P. F. Berkely.
	Halifax,	Mt. Laurel,	J. T. Clarke.
	Prince William,		
	Accomac,	{ St. James', } { and St. George's, }	Thos. W. Winchester.
	Albemarle,	Christ,	E. Boyden.
	Brunswick,	St. Andrew's,	J. A. Massey.
	Caroline,	St. Margaret's,	D. M. Wharton.
	Caroline,	{ St. Peter's, } { Grace, } { St. Stephen's, }	W. Friend.
	Culpeper,		J. Cole.
	Essex,		J. W. Woodville.
am,	Essex,		J. P. McGuire.
ortham,	Goochland,	St. Paul's,	J. P. McGuire.
	Hanover,		J. P. B. Wilmer.
	Mecklenburg,		W. V. Bowers.
	Spottsylvania,	St. George's,	F. H. McGuire.
	Spottsylvania,	Christ Church,	E. C. McGuire, D.D.
	Loudon,	St. James',	D. M. Wharton.
	Jefferson,	Zion,	George Adie.
	Jefferson,	Trinity,	Alexander Jones.
	King George,	St. Paul's,	C. W. Andrews.
	Nansemond,	St. Paul's,	J. Martin.
	Surry,		C. H. Disbrow.
	Powhatan,	{ Peterville, Manakin, St. Thomas,	Jos. Earnest.
	Orange,	{ St. John's, church, Christ church,	J. L. Harrison.
	Brooke,		E. A. Dalrymple.
	King William,		E. A. Dalrymple.
	Hanover,		

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St. Peter's,	New Kent,		E. A. Dabney
St. Mark's,	Kanawha,		— West.
St. Matthews,	Ohio,	St. Matthew's,	William A.
Truro,	Fairfax,	Pohick,	
Trinity,	Louisa,		
Tillotson,	Buckingham,	{ St. Peter's,	
Walker's,	Albemarle,	{ Goodwin's,	E. Boyden.
Ware,	Gloucester,	Walker's,	Charles M.
Washington,	Westmoreland,		
Westover,	Charles City,		W. T. Lee
West Russell,	Bedford,		N. Sale.
Wickliffe,	Clarke,		
Woodville,	Botetourt and Rock'ge,	Grace,	W. Bryant.

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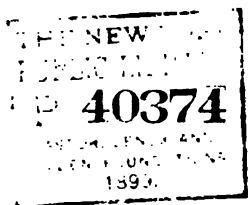
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## PLACES FOR THE MEETING OF CONVENTION.

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PETERSBURG,	<i>Third Wednesday in May,</i>	1846.
WINCHESTER,	" " "	1847.
NORFOLK,	" " "	1848.
CHARLOTTESVILLE,	" " "	1849.
ALEXANDRIA,	" " "	1850.
STAUNTON,	" " "	1851.
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FREDERICKSBURG, May 21, 1845.

This being the day appointed by the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Virginia, for the meeting of the Annual Convention of said Diocese, the Rt. Rev. William Meade, Bishop, and the Rt. Rev. John Johns, Assistant Bishop, together with a number of the Clergy and Laity, assembled in St. George's Church, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Morning prayer was read by the Rev. E. Boyden, and the Convention sermon preached by the Rev. George Adie.

Divine service being ended, the Convention was called to order by the Assistant Bishop.

The Secretary then called the roll of the Clergy, when the following were found to be present and entitled to seats, viz :

RT. REV. WILLIAM MEADE, D.D.

RT. REV. JOHN JOHNS, D.D.

Rev. GEORGE ADIE,

" C. W. ANDREWS,

" JOHN BAUSMAN,

" UPTON BEALL,

" W. V. BOWERS,

" E. BOYDEN,

" T. T. CASTLEMAN,

" D. CALDWELL,

" JOHN T. CLARK,

" JOHN COLE,

" E. CHRISTIAN,

" G. W. DAME,

" C. B. DANA,

" E. A. DALRYMPLE,

" C. H. DISBROW,

" J. EARNEST,

" A. EMPIE, D.D.,

" W. FRIEND,

" W. GOOD,

Rev. F. D. GOODWIN,

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" W. Y. ROOKER,	" W. N. WARD,
" JOHN B. RICHMOND,	" D. M. WHARTON,
" P. SLAUGHTER,	" J. W. WOODVILLE,
" THOMAS SMITH,	" J. P. B. WILMER,
" ARISTIDES SMITH,	" R. W. WILMER,
" LEONIDAS SMITH,	" G. T. WILMER,
" JOHNATHAN SMITH,	" LEWIS WALKER,

The following gentlemen were appointed a Committee to examine  
cases of Lay Delegates.

REV. WILLIAM FRIEND,

MR. C. F. LEE, | MR. WM. WILLIAMS,

who, having discharged the duty assigned to them, reported the follow  
men as duly elected and entitled to seats in the Convention, viz :

Samuel H. Lewis, *Boyden Parish*.  
Edmund Fontaine, *St. Martin's, Hanover*.  
R. G. R. Catlett, *St. Peter's, Port Royal*.  
Thomas H. Clagett, *St. James', Loudon*.  
John Chewning, *Christ Church, Lancaster*.  
R. T. Tompkins, *Hamilton Parish, Fauquier*.  
William Brown, *Westover Parish*.  
W. P. Steward, *St. Paul's Norfolk*.  
W. H. Fowle, *St. Paul's, Alexandria*.  
John L. Bacon, *Christ Church, Richmond*.  
Stephen D. Watkins, *St. Paul's, Petersburg*.  
George M. Carrington, *St. John's, Richmond*.  
W. L. Clark, *Christ Church, Winchester*.  
Charles Minegerode, *Bruton Parish, Williamsburg*.  
James T. Logan, *St. Mark's, Botetourt*.  
Thomas F. Nelson, *Wickliffe Parish, Clarke*.  
Dr. A. B. Hooe, *St. Paul's, King George*.  
James L. Ransom, *Zion Church, Jefferson*.  
William Williams, *Monumental, Richmond*.  
William Royster, *Grace Church, Caroline*.  
Reuben T. Thom, *Trinity Parish, Wood county*.  
Thomas G. Coleman, *Antrim, Halifax*.  
Dr. Marcus Rowan, *Christ Church, Middlesex*.  
Francis Tompkins, *St. Margaret's, Caroline*.  
Jacob Morgan, *Trinity, Shepperdstown*.  
William Pollock, *St. George's, Fredericksburg*.  
John R. Edmunds, *Meade Parish, Fauquier*.  
C. F. Lee, *Christ Church, Alexandria*.

B. B. Minor, *St. James' Church, Richmond.*  
 Samuel W. Shelton, *St. Paul's, Lynchburg.*  
 Lewis A. Boggs, *St. John's, Berkeley.*  
 John E. Page, *Frederick Parish, Clarke.*  
 W. H. Tayloe, *Lunenburg Parish, Richmond County.*  
 Samuel Slaughter, *St. Stephen's Culpepper.*  
 Henry E. Coleman, *St. James', Mecklenburg.*  
 Thomas M. Ambler, *Leeds Parish, Fauquier.*  
 Strother Jones, *St. Thomas', Frederick.*  
 Edward T. Tayloe, *St. John's, King George.*  
 William Galt, *St. James', Goochland and Fluvanna.*  
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 J. G. Guthrie, *Grace Church, Petersburg.*  
 Jeremiah Morton, *St. Thomas' Church, Orange.*  
 Samuel Pryor, *Dinwiddie.*  
 Dr. F. T. Stribling, *Trinity, Staunton.*  
 Marshal Harris, *Roanoke Church, Charlotte.*  
 R. H. Cunningham, *St. James' Church, Culpepper.*  
 Dr. M. P. Nelson, *Christ Church, Berkely.*  
 John Allmand, *Christ Church, Norfolk.*  
 Dr. N. M. Osborne, *Littleton Parish, Cumberland.*  
 Charles A. Clark, *Brick Church, Roanoke Parish.*  
 Thomas Nelson, *St. Paul's Church, Richmond.*  
 Frederick Foote, *St. Paul's, Prince William.*

The Rev. B. M. Miller, in consequence of his contemplated removal from the Diocese, tendered his resignation as Secretary of the Convention—Whereupon, on motion, the election of a successor to said office was postponed until to-morrow.

The Convention then adjourned until to-morrow at 9, A. M.

## RULES OF ORDER.

1. The Convention shall be opened every day with prayer.
2. When the President takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, except to address the Chair.
3. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the Convention, he shall rise from his seat and respectfully address himself to the President, and shall confine himself to the question under debate and avoid personality.
4. If any member, in speaking or otherwise, transgress the rules of the Convention, the President shall, or any member may, call to order, in which case, the member so called to order *shall* immediately take his seat, unless permitted to explain, and the Convention shall, if appealed to, decide on the case, but without debate; and, if there be no appeal, the decision of the Chair shall be submitted to; if the decision be in favor of the member called to order, he shall be at liberty to proceed; if otherwise, and the case require it, he shall be liable to the censure of the Convention.
5. When two or more members happen to rise at once, the President shall name the member who is first to speak.
6. No member shall speak more than twice to the same question without leave of the Convention, nor more than once, until every member, choosing to speak, shall have spoken.
7. Whilst the President is putting any question, or addressing the Convention, none shall walk out of, or across, the house—nor in such case, nor when a member is speaking, shall entertain private discourse—nor, whilst a member is speaking, shall pass between him and the Chair.
8. No member shall vote on any question in the event of which he is immediately and particularly interested, or in any case where he was not present when the question was put.
9. Upon a division and count of the Convention on any question, no member without the limits allotted as seats of the members shall be counted.
10. Every member who shall be in the house when the question is put shall give his vote, unless the Convention, for special reasons, shall excuse him.
11. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be stated by the President, or, being in writing, it shall be handed to the Chair, and read aloud by the Secretary, before debate.
12. Every motion shall be reduced to writing if the President or any member require it.
13. After a motion is stated by the President, or read by the Secretary, it shall be deemed to be in possession of the Convention, but may be withdrawn at any time before decision or amendment.
14. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received but to adjourn, to lie on the table, for the previous question, to postpone indefinitely, or to a certain day, to commit to a committee, or to amend—which several motions shall have *precedence in the order they stand arranged*.

15. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, and shall be decided without debate.

16. The previous question shall be in this form—" Shall the main question be now put ?" It shall be admitted only when demanded by a majority of the members present, and until it is decided, shall preclude all amendments and further debate on the main question.

17. On the previous question there shall be no debate.

18. When a question is decided by the Convention, or is postponed indefinitely, the same shall not be acted upon again during the session, without the consent of two-thirds of the members present.

19. Any member may call for the division of a question, where the sense will admit of it, but a question to strike out and insert shall be deemed indivisible.

20. No new motion or proposition shall be admitted under color of amendment, as a substitute for the motion or proposition under debate.

21. When a motion has been once made and carried in the affirmative or negative, it shall be in order for any member of the majority to move a reconsideration thereof, on the same or next day.

22. No member shall absent himself from the service of the Convention unless he have leave, or be sick and unable to attend.

23. The President shall, at his discretion, select suitable seats without the limits of those pews allotted for the use of the members, which shall be appropriated to the exclusive accommodation of visiting clergymen and candidates for orders, who may be invited by the rector or wardens of the church in which the meetings of the Convention are held, under the direction of the President of the Convention : it being expected that those to whom such seats are appropriated will confine themselves to the same.

24. No spectator shall, during the daily sessions of the Convention, be admitted above or within the pews allotted to the members of the Convention, and it is expected and hoped that not only the spectators will attend to this regulation, but that the rector and wardens of the church in which the sessions of the Convention are held will see that this rule of order is not violated.

25. There shall, on the *second* day of the Convention, be appointed by the President, unless otherwise directed by the Convention, the following standing committees, to consist of an equal number of each order :

A committee on the State of the Church, to whom shall be referred the addresses of the Bishop and Assistant Bishop on the opening of the Convention.

A committee on the Fund for the Support of Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen.

A committee on the Episcopal Fund.

A committee on the Accounts of the Treasurer of the Missionary Society.

A committee on Parochial Reports.

A committee on the Admission of New Parishes.

A committee of Elections.

A committee of Finance consisting of laymen.

26. The credentials of the Lay Delegates shall be handed in to the Secretary, and be by him read to the Convention, and if it shall appear that there is any doubt as to the right of any delegate to his seat, the same shall be referred to the Com-

mittee of Elections, to be by the said committee forthwith examined into and reported upon to the Convention.

27. When three members require it, the vote on all questions shall be by yeas and noes.

28. None of the Rules of Order shall be suspended without the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present.

29. The business first in order, after the organization of the Convention, shall be the appointment of the Treasurer *pro. tem.*, when the Treasurer is not a member of the Convention; reading of the Pastoral Addresses, Parochial Reports and the Proceedings of the Standing Committee.

THURSDAY, May 23, 1845, 9 A. M.

The Convention was opened with prayer by the Rt. Rev. Assistant Bishop. The roll being called, the following clergy, not present yesterday, appeared in Convention, viz: Rev. Messrs. R. K. Meade, John P. McGuire, W. L. Temple, James McElroy and Edward B. McGuire.

On motion, Mr. C. F. Lee and the Rev. Messrs. Grammer and Slaughter were appointed a committee to nominate suitable persons as Secretary to the Convention and Treasurer *pro. tem.*

### BISHOP MEADE'S ADDRESS.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop Meade then read his annual address, as follows:

DEAR BRETHREN:—Being permitted, by the goodness of God, to meet with you once more for consultation on the affairs of that portion of the church committed to our care, I proceed, according to our rule, to lay before you a statement of my official acts during the last year. Those acts having been few, the narrative will be brief.

At the close of our last Convention, which was held in Lynchburg, I admitted to the priesthood the Rev. Mr. Richmond, and administered the rite of confirmation to three persons in private, others being confirmed in public by Bishop Johns. The following extracts from my diary will inform you of what was done in my visitation of some of the counties South of James River, after the adjournment of the Convention. "Spent two days in Campbell County and confirmed three persons. Three days in Pittsylvania, consecrating a new Church at the Court House, and confirming two persons. Two days at Henry Court House, confirming seven, and baptizing one adult. Three days at Danville, consecrating a new Church, confirming eight persons and ordaining Mr. W. Webb to the diaconship. Four days in the Rev. Mr. Grammer's parish, in Halifax county, confirming thirty-five persons, fifteen of whom were servants, and consecrating a new Church. Two days in the Rev. Mr. Clark's parish, in the same county, confirming three persons. One day in Charlotte county, confirming two. Three days in Mecklenburg, at three Churches, confirming five. Four days in Lunenburg, confirming twelve. Three

days in Brunswick, confirming six. Four in Dinwiddie, confirming seven. Spent one day at Dinwiddie Court House, where it is hoped a Church will be built. The preceding services occupied the latter part of May and all the month of June.

"The fourth of July was spent at the Church in Manakin town, on James River, where eight persons were confirmed. The first Sunday in July was spent at Fairfax Court House, where a new Church was nearly completed, and in which six persons were confirmed. The next week was spent at the Seminary in witnessing the exercises of the students, and on the following Sunday I admitted eleven of them to the diaconship, while Bishop Johns admitted two others to the priesthood at Christ Church, Alexandria. Those admitted to the diaconship were Thomas L. Franklin, Edwin Mendenhall, Henry M. Denison, Eli H. Canfield, Lewis Walke, Andrew Fisher, Henry M. Woods, Edward F. Putnam, Richardson Graham, Edward W. Syle, James Jackson; the three first of these being ordained by request of the Bishop of Pennsylvania. Those admitted to the priesthood were the Rev. George Wilmer, and Rev. William F. Lockwood. No other Episcopal acts were performed except the confirmation of six persons in the Church at Millwood, Clarke county, until the month of November, when I was called on to admit, at an earlier period than is contemplated by the canons, the Rev. Mr. Woods and Graham to the priesthood with a view to their mission to China. This solemn service was performed in St. George's Church, New-York."

Although, except the above, no special Episcopal acts, having reference to our Diocese, were performed during several successive months of the fall and winter, yet neither myself or beloved brother in the Episcopate of Virginia were unemployed. During nearly a month were we continually and anxiously engaged in the deliberations of our General Convention, the results of which you have in the pastoral letter of the Bishops, and the published proceedings of the two branches of our General Convention. Nor did our labors out of Virginia end with the close of the General Convention. In compliance with the request of our last Convention, we had already spent a short time in soliciting contributions for our Seminary in Baltimore, and now proceeded with that duty in a number of the congregations of Philadelphia, New-York, Brooklyn and Boston, in all of which ourselves and our cause were most kindly and generously received. The report of our treasurer will shew what additions have been made to our funds by the efforts of your Bishops during the last fall and winter. Though they are considerable, and call for much thankfulness to God, and to those into whose hearts he has put the will to help us, yet it will be seen that they fall far short of our need, and only encourage us to a new effort at home, by shewing us the high esteem in which our institution is held abroad.

Would that I were able to say that no other duty detained your Bishops yet super from Diocesan claims on their time, delaying their visits to many of the churches, and producing no slight disorder in their plans.

It was not until the middle of January that we found ourselves again in the bosom of our families, and at a period of the year forbidding any distant visits. As the painful subject which engaged our time and attention, so much has been spread before the public, that I forbear to add any thing, leaving it in the hands of him who overrules all for good to his Church. Proceeding with a narrative of my services after returning home, I have to state, that during my stay at home I visited



the Churches in Winchester, Middletown, Berryville and Upperville, in the first of which six persons were confirmed.

On the last week of March I entered on my present tour of duty. Passing through Alexandria and spending two days there, I reached my appointment, on the Eastern Shore, in due time, and spent ten days with the congregations in Accomac and Northampton, having, by the aid of several brethren, very frequent services.

Three persons were confirmed in Accomac, and seven in Northampton. From thence I passed over to Norfolk, spending eight days with the congregations in that place, Portsmouth, Hampton, Old Point and Princess Anne. In Christ Church, Norfolk, eleven persons were confirmed, in St. Paul's three, in Portsmouth three, in Hampton three and Princess Anne three. In Christ Church, on Friday evening the 18th, I admitted to the Priesthood the Rev. Leonidas Smith and the Rev. Jonathan Smith, and in the Church in Portsmouth, on Sunday the 20th, the Rev. Mr. Syle, one of our missionaries to China, to the same order.

On Wednesday the 25th, I laid the corner stone of a new Church in Suffolk, and on Friday administered confirmation to four persons in the Old Church. On Saturday two persons were confirmed in the Old Church at Chuck-a-tuck. Sunday and Monday, the 27th and 28th, were spent in Smithfield, where six persons were confirmed. On the two following days services were held at Old Surry Church and Surry Court House. The next four days were spent at Old Brandon and Merchant Hope Churches, in Prince George county, where four persons were confirmed. On the 6th of May I consecrated a new chapel by the name of St. Mathews, in the town of Petersburg, and confirmed three persons in the same. In the evening I confirmed eight persons in Grace Church of the same place. On the 8th I proceeded to the vicinity of Sussex Court House, where I confirmed three persons the next day. On Saturday and Sunday, the 10th and 11th, I was engaged in religious services at Jerusalem, in Southampton county, the Rev. Mr. Withers and Rev. Mr. McGuire being present and officiating as Deacons. On the 12th and 13th I attended at Hicksford, in Greenville county, where the Rev. Messrs. Slaughter and Gibson from Petersburg assisted in the services. On the 14th I admitted in Grace Church, which is about fifteen miles from the last mentioned place, the Rev. Messrs. McGuire and Withers to the order of Priesthood, the Rev. Mr. Gibson presenting them, the Rev. Mr. Francois McGuire preaching on the occasion, and the Rev. Mr. Grammer uniting in the imposition of hands. On the next morning, at six o'clock, I administered the rite of confirmation to eight persons in St. Paul's Church, Petersburg. My very imperfect services terminated on the last Sabbath morning by administering the rite of confirmation to seven persons in St. James' Church, Richmond.

Other Episcopal acts are as follows: The Rev. Messrs. Shiraz, Martin, Pendleton and Nelson have been dismissed to the Diocese of Maryland. The Rev. Mr. Massie, Priest, and Mr. Murdaugh, candidate for the ministry, to Alabama. The Rev. Mr. Craik to Kentucky. The Rev. Mr. Lee to North Carolina. The Rev. Mr. Putnam to Vermont. The Rev. Mr. Canfield to Ohio. The Rev. Mr. West to Pennsylvania. The Rev. Mr. Harrison to Indiana. The Rev. Mr. Parks to New-York.

I have received into the Diocese the Rev. Messrs. Richard and George Wilmer from North Carolina; the Rev. Mr. Smith and Berger from Georgia; the Rev. Mr. Ward from Rhode Island, and Rev. Mr. Nash from Kentucky. I have admitted as

andidates for orders Messrs. Piere Wilmer, Addison Cobbs, William McGuire, Francis M. Whittle, Charles W. Thomas, Edmond T. Perkins, Thomas L. Arthur, Walter W. Bolton, J. J. Page, William F. Zimmer, Mr. Minegerode Professor of Filling & Mary College, and the Rev. William Waller and James McCabe, ministers of the Methodist connexion. I have also received, by transfer from Pennsylvania Mr. J. Hammond. The transfers from Virginia have been, Mr. William Hamore to New Jersey, Mr. Freeman to Delaware, Mr. Mahan to New-York. have also displaced from the office of Deacon the Rev. John K. Noel, for causes affecting his moral character.

It becomes me to add to these official notices a few words concerning the memorial, directed by the last Convention to be made to the Legislature of Virginia, saying that some measure might be adopted by that body which should enable the religious and benevolent institutions of our State to receive and hold bequests.

The committee, to whom the duty of preparing and presenting such memorial was entrusted, did not fail to use such endeavors for accomplishing the object as was in their power.

A memorial was prepared and presented, and the same referred to a committee of the House. A full consideration of the subject by the Committee was postponed from time to time, in consequence of the unavoidable absence of an active member of that Committee which the Convention had appointed, Mr. William H. Sanford, who was unable, by reason of an important engagement in a neighboring city, to appear before the Committee of the House at all.

At a late period of the session, however, Mr. James Lyons, another of those friends of the measure whom we had requested to act for us, did appear before the committee, and stated our object. I am sorry to say that it did not find such favor with a majority of the Committee as to lead to a favorable report. The subject was being discussed by the House, but the unfavorable report silently accepted, it is impossible to ascertain with accuracy the real sentiments of the Legislature.

It is proper to state, that, in order to call the attention of the ministers and members of the Episcopal Church in Virginia to the resolution of the Convention recommending petitions to the Legislature from the different parishes, I addressed them in a circular through the Southern Churchman, during the last summer. I am sorry to say, that the resolution of the Convention was complied with in but few instances. Of course nothing but failure could be expected, if friends of the measure exhibited such luke-warmness in its prosecution.

Our hope of success rested not merely on the zeal and activity of the ministers and members of our own communion, but on the general concurrence of Christians of all the prevailing denominations amongst us. In this also have we been for the most disappointed. Not only has some diversity of sentiment prevailed, but those who were certainly desirous of the measure have not been sufficiently active in expressing to the Legislature their wishes, and the reasons on which their wishes were founded. I cannot but hope that, in due time, and by God's blessing on all proper efforts, such a general coöperation of all denominations of Christians will be effected, as to secure the object we have in view. In evidence of the importance of the subject let me mention, in addition to the statements of last year, two facts occurring within the present. Some few years since, a legacy of two thousand dollars was bequeathed to one of the institutions of our Church, which, however, through the want of any legislative provision as that for which we seek, has been relinquished on a

compromise, within the last few months, for the sum of six hundred dollars—that being all we were able to obtain.

The second fact is as follows: Some fifteen years or more ago, a pious and warmly attached member of our Church left to myself, for the benefit of our Theological Seminary, the sum of fifteen hundred dollars, the greater part of which, at different times, has been paid by her executor, and either expended on the institution or vested in stock. How was I surprised, a few days before leaving home for my present visitation, to receive a legal summons to appear in court, to answer in a suit by which the bequest may be jeopardized. Need I ask whether it is possible that the citizens and legislators of the commonwealth of Virginia can continue to sit by and look on such violations of one of the dearest rights of freemen and christians, without even an effort to prevent them. Can it be that the different denominations of Christians amongst us, who are all from time to time suffering the same injuries, will long hesitate to unite in one general petition for so reasonable an act of protection, and in one strong effort to wipe away this foul reproach from our State? For my own part, whatever may be done by others, I shall continue to inform the Church of Virginia of all such violations of our just rights, and shall be glad to see the Convention uniting, from year to year, with other bodies, in presenting our claims to the Legislature, and making known the grievances under which we labor. Perseverance in a cause so just must eventually, by the blessing of heaven, be crowned with success.

It might perhaps be expected of me to say something, as usual, concerning our High School and Seminary, but as the trustees will, doubtless, speak very particularly concerning the temporary suspension and proposed renewal of the former, and the continued prosperity of the latter, I shall for once omit any further mention of either.

This brief notice of the duties of the past year being over, may I not plead its very brevity as an apology for a few remarks which may not be without interest and benefit to the ministers and members of the Church in Virginia.

It is an useful employment for societies, as well as individuals, at certain seasons, to look back through their past history and mark the dealings of a kind Providence towards them. The History of the Episcopal Church of Virginia has, by universal consent, been, from the very beginning, a most interesting and eventful one—beyond that of any other Diocese in the union. I would briefly refer to some of its particulars, in order to raise our hearts in gratitude to God for its wonderful preservation, and to make us more faithful and zealous in using the proper means for its further advancement.

The Episcopal Church of Virginia commenced with the first settlement of the first colony. The code of laws of that colony was drawn up at a time when “religion, (as Bishop Taylor expresses it,) was painted upon banners,” for it was “*divine, martial and moral*,” all in one, being enforced even among Protestants by civil pains and penalties, which we would fain now banish from our recollections, and blot from the page of history.

That there was much of sincere piety moving the hearts of those who incorporated the forms of the Episcopal Church with the colony of Virginia, as well as of those who established other forms among the Pilgrim Fathers of New England, I doubt not. Nor do I question the piety and fidelity of some of the people and pastors during its whole subsequent history. But that its spiritual condition was

over, at any time, even tolerably good, bearing a comparison with that of the Mother Church, over whose defects also there was so much cause to mourn, faithful history forbids us to believe. Many were the disadvantages under which she had to labor, during the whole period of her existence in connexion with the Government of England, which were well calculated to sink her character beneath that of the Church of England, and of some other Churches in America. Immense were the difficulties of getting a full supply of ministers of any character; and of those who came, how few were faithful and duly qualified for the station. One who was indeed so faithful as to be called the apostle of Virginia, at an early period of its settlement, lamenting over the want of ministers in the Colony, thus upbraids those who refused to come. "Do they not either wilfully hide their talents, or keep themselves at home for fear of losing a few pleasures. Be not there any among them of Moses and his kind, and of the apostles, who forsook all to follow Christ?" The Council of Virginia also addressed the most solemn and pathetic appeals to the Clergy of England, beseeching them to come over to the work of the Lord in the Colony—though it is to be feared with little success—for in the year 1685 it is recorded, that many places were destitute of ministers, and like still to continue so, the people not paying their "accustomed dues." There were at this time about fifty parishes in the Colony, most of which were destitute of clergymen, as there were only ten ministers for their supply. To remedy this evil, it was proposed to establish in the English Universities Virginia fellowships, imposing it as a condition, that the fellows spend seven years in Virginia; but we do not read of its execution.

That the ministers then in the Colony were men of zeal can scarce be supposed, as a law was required enjoining it upon them to preach constantly every Sabbath and administer the sacrament at least twice every year.

If we proceed in the history of the Colony another fifty years, which will carry us beyond the first century of its existence, we shall find only a few more parishes established, and though glebes and parishes had been provided, not more than one half of the congregations were supplied with ministers, the rest being served by lay-readers. In some places indeed lay readers were preferred to settled ministers, because less expensive to the parishioners. The tenure by which ministers held their livings was precarious, and this contributed to the negligence of some, and was a severe trial to the fidelity of the more worthy. If a clergyman was faithful to his duty and preached against the vices of the people, he was removed; "and instances are numerous of clergyman having been displaced by vestries without a charge made, or even a reason assigned for it."\* The effect of this on the better portion of the English Clergy who might be disposed to emigrate need not be stated. As to the unworthy and hireling Clergy of the Colony, there was no ecclesiastical discipline to correct or punish their irregularities and vices. The authority of a Commissary was a very insufficient substitute for the superintendence of a faithful Bishop. The better part of the Clergy, and some of the laity, long and earnestly petitioned for a faithful resident Bishop, for the Bishop of London was of necessity only the nominal Bishop.

For about two hundred years did the Episcopal Church of Virginia try the experiment of a system, whose constitution required such an head, but was actually

\* Dr. Hawkes' history of the Church of Virginia, from which interesting and faithful work the facts embodied in this statement are taken.

without it. No such officer was there, as the Church requires, to watch over the conduct, and punish the vices of the Clergy ; none to administer the rite of Confirmation, and thus admit the faithful to the Supper of the Lord.

It must be evident, that the Episcopal Church without such an officer is more likely to suffer for the want of Godly discipline, than any other society of Christians, because all others have some substitute, whereas our own Church makes this office indispensable to some important parts of ecclesiastical government and discipline.

Such being the corrupt state of the Church in Virginia, it is not wonderful that here, as in England, disaffection should take place and dissent begin. The preaching and zeal of Mr. Whitfield, who visited Virginia about this time, contrasted with the sermons and lives of the Clergy generally, contributed no doubt to increase disaffection. The pious Mr. Davies, afterwards President of Princeton College, made the first serious inroad upon the unity of the Church. His candid testimony deserves to be here introduced. "I have reason to hope," he says, "that there are and have been a few names in various parts of the Colony who are sincerely seeking the Lord, and groping after religion in the communion of the Church of England." "Had the doctrines of the Gospel been solemnly and faithfully preached in the established Church, I am persuaded there would have been few dissenters in these parts of Virginia, for their first objections were not against the peculiar rites and ceremonies of that church, much less against her excellent articles, but against the general strain of the doctrines delivered from the pulpit, in which these articles were opposed, (or which was the more common case,) not mentioned at all, so that at first they were not properly dissenters from the original constitution of the Church of England, but the most strict adherents to it, and only dissented from those who had forsaken it."

That there was at this time not only defective preaching, but, as might be expected, most evil living among the Clergy, is evident from a petition of the Clergy themselves to the Legislature, asking an increase of salary saying, "that the small encouragement given to Clergymen is a reason why so few come into this Colony from the Universities, and that so many who are a disgrace to the ministry find opportunities to fill the parishes."

It is a well established fact, that some who were discarded from the English Church, yet obtained livings in Virginia.

Such being the case, who can question for a moment the entire accuracy of the account, both of the preaching and living of the Clergy of his day, as given by the faithful and zealous Mr. Jarrett, and who could blame him for the encouragement afforded to the disciples of Mr. Westley, at a time when neither he, nor they, thought there could be a separation from the Church of England.

Dissent, from various causes, was now spreading through the commonwealth ; dissatisfaction with the Mother Country and Mother Church was increasing, and the Episcopal Clergy losing more and more the favor of God and man, when this devoted minister, almost alone in preaching and living according to the doctrine, discipline and worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and was glad to avail himself of any aid in the good work he was endeavoring to perform. For the time, however, his efforts were unavailing. The war of the Revolution was approaching, and with it the downfall of the Church.

Many circumstances contributed to this event. The severities exercised towards

ness of the dissenters in times past had embittered their minds against the declining establishment.

The attachment of some of the Clergy to the cause of the king subjected the Church itself to suspicion, and gave further occasion to its enemies to seek its destruction. The dispute about Church property now came on, and for twenty-seven years was waged with bitterness and violence. At the commencement of the war (the Revolution, Virginia had ninety-one Clergymen, officiating in one hundred and sixty-four Churches and Chapels; at its close only twenty-eight ministers were left laboring in the less desolate parishes of the State. Whither numbers of them fled, and to what secular pursuits some of them had betaken themselves, it is not in our power to state. Had they been faithful shepherds, they would not have so deserted their flocks. We come now to the efforts of the more faithful, and such faint-hearted ones, to strengthen the things that remained and were ready to die.

In common with some other Dioceses, the Church in Virginia resolved on an effort to obtain consecration from abroad for a Bishop who might complete her imperfect organization. A very worthy man, the Rev. Dr. Griffith, was selected for the purpose; but so depressed was her condition, so little zeal was found in her members, that though for three successive years calls were made upon the parishes to defray his expenses to England, only twenty-eight pounds were raised, sum altogether insufficient for the purpose, so that the effort on his part was abandoned through poverty and domestic affliction.

Even at a subsequent period, when renewed efforts, prompted by shame at past failures, and a sense of duty to the Church, were made to secure what was necessary for Bishop Madison's consecration, a sufficiency even with some foreign aid, was not obtained to pay all the necessary expenses of the voyage. The object, however, was accomplished, and at the end of almost two hundred years from the establishment of a most imperfect Church in Virginia a Bishop was obtained.

But she was too far gone, and there were too many opposing difficulties for her revival at that time. From the addresses of Bishop Madison to the Episcopalians in Virginia, it will be seen that he entered on his duties with no little zeal and with very just views of the kind of men and measures necessary for the work of revival. He plainly admits the want of zeal and fidelity in many of the ministers as one of the causes of the low condition of the Church, and that the contrary qualifications were indispensable to her resuscitation. He made an ineffectual start at bringing back into the bosom of the Church the followers of Mr. Westley, as they had now entirely separated from her.

After a few partial visitations of the Diocese, his hopes of the revival of the Church evidently sunk; and the duties of the College of William and Mary, of which he was President, requiring his attention during the greater part of the year, at the Convention of 1805, he called for a Suffragan or Assistant Bishop. The subject was referred to the next year's Convention, but no such meeting was held, nor was there another until after his death. For seven years it seemed as if the worst hopes of her enemies, and most painful fears of her friends were about to be realized in her entire destruction. In the General Convention of the Church, held in the city of New Haven in 1811, there was no representation, or any report whatever from Virginia, but the following entry is found on the journal, "they fear, indeed, that the Church in Virginia is, from various causes, so depressed, that there

is danger of her total ruin, unless great exertions, favored by the blessing of Providence, are employed to raise her."

During the ensuing spring Bishop Madison died, and shortly after a Convention of the Clergy and Laity was invited by Dr. Buchanan, at the instance of the Rev. Dr. Wilmer and myself, both of us then ministering in Alexandria, for the purpose of electing a Bishop. Important as was the object, and imperious as was the necessity of such a meeting, in order to the existence of the Church, only thirteen Clergymen, and about as many Laymen, were found, who had interest enough in the cause to come together. The result was, the election of Dr. Bracken to the vacant Episcopate, who, however, declined at the ensuing Convention. At that Convention, only eight Clergymen and ten Laymen met together for a few hours around a table in one of the committee rooms of the Capitol, in Richmond, and when they separated, scarce expected ever to meet again for ecclesiastical purposes.

During the following year, however, in the good providence of God, circumstances arose which led to further efforts. The Monumental Church, built on the ruins of the Richmond Theatre, needed a minister; and the minds of a few individuals interested for a suitable supply for that interesting station, and also for the vacant Episcopate, were by a most gracious overruling Providence directed to one at a distance, personally unknown to any, and only by good report to a very few. I need not add that the person alluded to was the good Bishop Moore, so long the affectionate pastor of one of the Churches in Richmond, and the beloved Bishop of Virginia. At the Convention, however, which elected him, only seven Clergymen were present. It would thus appear, that after the lapse of two hundred years, the Church of Virginia was reduced to about the same number of ministers, which served at her altars during the first ten years of her existence. And is it wonderful that many, even of sincere friends, should think that the effort at resurrection must be fruitless, and that enemies poured derision upon the same. I well remember, even some years after this, and when our prospects had brightened not a little, as I presented a petition to that great and good man, Chief Justice Marshall, a true friend to the Church, asking a contribution to our Seminary, that, although with his accustomed liberality, he freely gave, he yet accompanied the gift with a remark, "that it seemed almost cruel to tempt young men to enter the ministry of a Church which was too far gone ever to be recovered." But he lived long enough to rejoice in his mistake, and to see children, and children's children blessed by the fruits of an Institution which he feared might be worse than useless. I may be permitted to add, that when the Church of Virginia, at an early period, wished to unite sister Dioceses with her in the great work of ministerial education, it was made an objection to the proposal, that her morals and religion were so corrupt, that it would be unsafe to trust such an institution within her borders. We wonder not at such reproaches, although they may sometimes have come with an ill grace from those who made them, seeing that the whole Church largely partook of the same corruption. I can remember too well the time when, in every educated young man of Virginia, I was prepared to meet a sceptic, if not a scoffer. At the time of my first ordination, by Bishop Madison, about a year before his death, although it took place on a bright Sabbath morning, only about fifteen gentlemen, young and old, and two ladies, were present in the old and venerable church of Williamsburg. More of the young men indeed did I meet on my way to the Church, with guns on their shoulders and dogs at their sides, going into the fields and woods in search of game, than were to be found in the Church itself.

And what more could be expected from the character of the Clergy generally at that time, or for a long time before. It is a melancholy fact that many of them had been addicted to the race-field, the card-table, the ball-room, the theatre—nay, more, to the drunken revel. One of them, about the very period of which I am speaking, was, and had been for years, the President of a Jockey Club. Another, after abandoning the ministry, fought a duel in sight of the very Church in which he had performed the solemn offices of religion. Nothing was more common, even with the better portion of them, than to celebrate the holy ordinance of Baptism, not amidst the prayers of the congregation, but the festivities of the feast and the dance, the minister sometimes taking a full share in all that was going on. These things being so, and the Churches having been, on account of such things, almost entirely deserted, or else occupied by those who only held our Zion up to derision, but but a firm conviction of God's watchful providence over her could keep alive hope in the most ardent of her friends? How often, in looking at the present comparative prosperity of the Church, do we say, surely God must have greatly loved this branch of his Holy Catholic Church, or he would not have borne so long with her unfaithfulness, and so readily forgiven her sins.

It becomes us, my Brethren, with deep humility and lively gratitude, to compare together our past and present condition, and say "what hath God wrought?" If, towards the close of two hundred years, there were nearly one hundred ministers and one hundred and sixty Churches, and then in a seven years after only a few faint-hearted ones, serving in the few remaining and almost deserted sanctuaries; we again, after the labors of only one-third of a century, our hundred ministers are restored, and one hundred and sixty churches at least are open for the people of God. If for two hundred years not a Bishop ever visited the Diocese, and now after one was sent, only a few ministrations performed; now two Bishops are in full employment in visiting nearly two hundred Churches or stations. If it was for years found impracticable to raise sufficient funds for the consecration of a Bishop; now funds are raised for the annual support of two, independent of special charges. If it was once proposed in a declining state of the Church, it was vain, to raise funds for the education of only two candidates for the ministry; now more than fifty are receiving preparatory instruction at our Seminary. Whereas formerly we were entirely dependent on foreign parts for our supply of Clergy-men, insufficient as to numbers, and worse as to character; now by the blessing of God on our Seminary we are enabled to send forth to the decayed Churches, or to the heathen of Europe, Asia, and Africa, a goodly number of faithful and zealous missionaries of the cross. Whereas formerly and for at least a century, numbers were deserting our communion, as that which had deserted God, and was deserted of God; now, for the last thirty years or more, either themselves or their children, or children's children, have in considerable numbers been returning to our fold, to the one which God himself was keeping and blessing. Whereas once, almost all men thought and spoke ill of our Clergy and communicants, as devoid of piety; now, only those who are misinformed, or most prejudiced, refuse to acknowledge that through God's grace there is at least as large an amount of true piety in our priests and people, as is to be found in those of any other denomination. Whereas, once, we had for many years no conventions, and then for some years a few faint-hearted ministers and people meeting together; now, what numbers of Clergy and Laity delight to assemble, not for the dry business of legislation only, or



for religious controversy, but chiefly for the blessed privilege of joining hearts and voices in the sweet exercises of God's word and worship, and thus becoming knit together in love.

Thus graciously hath God dealt with us. But does it not, out of gratitude to God, and that we may continue to enjoy his smiles, become us to enquire by what means this hath been done; how our Jacob arose, when he was not only so small, but crushed to the earth, trodden under foot of man, after having been betrayed by friends, and dishonored by the very ministers of God who were appointed to defend him. In the character, habits, views and history of the man whom God sent to us from a distance, to be our head and leader in this work, and in the views of those, whether from our own State or elsewhere, who entered into the service, may be seen the religious principles and methods of action, by which, under God, the change has been effected; and it need not be said, how entirely different they were from those by which the disgrace and downfall of the Church had been wrought. Of the efficacy of these means, we are the more convinced, from the peculiar and very great difficulties to be surmounted, which have nevertheless, in a great measure, been surmounted. We are persuaded that, in no part of our own land, were such strong prejudices, and such violent oppositions to be overcome, as in Virginia, in consequence of the former character of the Episcopal Clergy, and the long and bitter strife which had existed between the Church and those who had left its pale, which latter were never satisfied until the downfall of the former was accomplished.

Let me briefly allude to the means used. Bishop Moore, in his previous correspondence, and his first sermon and address, declared his determination to preach as he had ever done, when God so greatly blessed his ministry, the glorious doctrines of grace, instead of a mere morality, such as many of the English Clergy had once preached, and such as had been but too common in Virginia. The young clergy, who engaged in the revival of the church of Virginia, took the same resolve, and made the great theme of their preaching Jesus Christ and him crucified, on the ground of a total apostacy from God on the part of man, which required such a sacrifice, as well as the renewing of the Holy Ghost, in order to meetness for the joys of Heaven. But they did not turn this grace of God into licentiousness, and think that either priest or people might indulge in sin. Among the first acts of the earlier Conventions, it will be seen that it was at once set forth before the world, that the revival of the Church was to be undertaken on principles entirely different from those which had hitherto prevailed, and under the influence of which religion had been so dishonored. It was plainly declared that there was need of discipline both for clergy and laity; and canons were provided for the exercise of the same. Not merely were grosser vices stigmatised, but, what by some were considered the innocent amusements of the world, and which the Clergy themselves had advocated and practised, were condemned as inconsistent with the character of a Christian Professor.

Baptism, by which we renounce the pomps and vanities of the world, as well as the sinful lusts of the flesh, and which had been customarily celebrated in private, directly in opposition to the rubric, and often amidst ungodly festivities, was now sought to be performed only in the house of God, and with pious sponsors, instead of thoughtless and irreligious ones. Candidates for confirmation, instead of being presented because they had reached a certain age, and could repeat the cat-

schism, were told what a solemn vow, promise and profession they were about to make, and that it was none other than an immediate introduction with full qualification to the Lord's Supper. Of course, very different views of the Lord's Supper, and the conduct of communicants were inculcated, and the Minister even bound, by express canon, to converse with each one, before admitting him for the first time to the Lord's Supper. Thus, was the whole tone and standard of religion changed, to the dissatisfaction and complaint, it is true, of some of the old members of the Church, and not without condemnation of some from abroad.

In due time, the important measure of requiring that all who enter our Convention to legislate for Christians and Christian Ministers, should themselves be Christian Professors, was adopted, though there were those at home, who feared the attempt, and there were those abroad, who prophesied evil in such a manner as to encourage disaffection at home. But God was with us, and has granted most entire success.

As to the manner of exciting zeal in Christians, and awakening interest in those who were not, it was thought that no better example could be followed, than that of the Apostles, who preached not only in the temple and synagogues, but, in some places, from house to house, as occasion required, and opportunity offered. As to the manner of preaching, written sermons were generally preferred in the pulpit; extemporaneous exhortations were often resorted to in smaller assemblies; and, without alighting the excellent prayers of our Liturgy, there were many occasions, both in private families, and in social meetings, when extemporaneous petitions seemed edifying both to the pastor and his flock. As to the great benevolent and religious institutions of the age, our Ministers felt that they were doing well to encourage their people to a lively participation in them. The Missionary and Bible Societies, the Colonization and Temperance Societies especially, received their most cordial support, and they considered it a subject of devout thankfulness to God, if their congregations took a deep interest in the same.

To provoke each other and their congregations to zeal in all good works, and especially to awaken the careless to a sense of their lost condition, the Ministers would meet together occasionally, and for several successive days, make full trial of prayer and God's word, expecting the blessing promised to two or three who come together and ask somewhat of God.

To these, I will only add a few words as to the spirit cherished, and the course pursued towards our Christian brethren who walk not with us in all things of Church order and worship.

We have seen how long and bitter the strife that subsisted between them and our fathers, how violent the prejudices that raged against us; and it would have been easy to enter on the work of revival in the spirit of retaliation and fierce opposition. But would it have been right, and as our Master would have had us do? Had not our forefathers done religion and them some wrong? Had not God made much use of them for good to religion? Were they not most sincere in their fear of us, and opposition to us? Did it not become us rather to win them over by love, and secure their esteem by living and preaching differently from our predecessors?

Such was the conciliatory course pursued by our deceased Father in God, and followed by those who perceived the good effects of his example; and most happy was the effect of the same.

And now, brethren, are there any who, in view of the past, and of God's blessing upon the doctrines preached, and the measures adopted, would, for a moment, listen to the proposal of a change? More especially, when we remember, that in the course adopted by us, we only followed closely in the footsteps of a noble host of faithful Ministers and Laymen in our Mother Church, who, during the last fifty years, have been so successfully engaged in the work of her revival. Though not so deeply corrupted as the Church of Virginia, yet was the English Church most sadly defective, both in doctrine and practice. But God raised up the Venns, Newtons, Scotts, Cecils, Martins, Buchannans, among the Clergy, and the Wilberforces, Thorntons, Grants, and Hannah Moores, among the Laity, to bear their testimony against the jejune morality of the pulpit, and to condemn, as well by their writings as example, the worldliness both of Clergy and people in that day. And what a blessed change has been effected! None pretend, for a moment, to question either the effect or the cause thereof. And yet, alas! so fickle, so fond of various experiment is man, there are not a few, who, within the last twelve years, while lavishing praises on those who were the chief instruments of the happy change, have yet proposed to do more good by means and instruments widely different from those which Heaven has so greatly blessed for the last half century. I need not tell of the confusion, discord and unhappiness already produced by the unwise experiment, and the injury our Church is suffering thereby. We, my brethren of the Clergy and Laity, will keep to the old ways, assured that he, "in whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning," will continue to bless us as he has done, and yet more abundantly, if we will only be more faithful in those ways.

And while we have reason at thought of our present, by comparison with our past condition, to exclaim "what hath God done," "to thank Him and take courage," yet should we beware of boasting, or of supposing that all is done, or that what remains will certainly and easily be done. I consider it as the great error of many in our Church, throughout the land, that we are too much given to boasting, too apt to overrate our own successes, and calculate too largely on far greater, while underrating the present or probable future successes of others. God will, in his own way, correct us if we be guilty of presumption. Our Jacob is still small, and it becomes us now, as of old, to ask, by whom shall he arise? Much is there yet to be done, and there are many difficulties in the way. Though we have a goodly number of Ministers, yet by no means enough to carry on the work of enlargement as we could wish, and as the door seems opening to us.

Although we have many Churches, yet how many of the congregations are small, and not rapidly increasing, being still unable to afford even a moderate support to the Ministry.

Many are the discouragements which meet us in our efforts to sustain some of the old, and to raise up new congregations. Among the most painful is the difficulty of attaching the poor of this world, to our communion. When our Lord was on earth, he gave, as one of the signs of his heavenly descent, the blessed fact, that "to the poor the Gospel is preached," and "the common people, it is written, heard him gladly."—"the multitudes followed him." Such should be our constant endeavor, my brethren of the Clergy; and if, from the causes alluded to in the past history of our Church, one description of the poor of Virginia have been almost entirely alienated from us, let us rejoice to know that there is another description not less acceptable in the sight of Heaven, who, if we are kind to them, and will

take due pains to win them over, will more easily be led to come under the faithful preaching of the word. The poor servants will, if we persevere in our labors of love towards them, and be to them what God's faithful pastors in every age have been to the poor, be benefitted by our Ministry, and may, if we will, in conjunction with their owners, attend to them betimes as we do to our own children, become regular and pious members of our communion. But whether we think of the rich, or the poor, or those of any and every condition and character amongst us, with the hope of converting them to Christ, and attaching them to the communion of our Church, we need not expect much success, without much zeal and diligence, such as was put forth in our first efforts for its resuscitation. Our State is not one of those whose population is rapidly increasing, in which flourishing villages are springing up in every direction, calling for neat Churches to fill up the measure of their beauty and excellency, and where the support of the Ministry is sure, so that our Zion must needs lengthen her chords, and strengthen her stakes. Very different is it with us now, has it been for many years, and will it in all probability be, for many years to come. It is only by patient perseverance in well-doing, that we can hope to make advances in the establishment of our Church. Much self-denial, and enduring of hardship, and abounding in labors, and itinerant zeal, and contentedness with a little of this world's goods, on the part of many of our Ministers, are indispensable to the growth of the Church in Virginia, much beyond her present attainment. Without these things, she may continue stationary, or even retrograde in some places, during years to come. The want of such Ministers, and the pressing demands of our Missionary Societies, and of vacant places in other Dioceses, depriving us of a number of our young men, and of some of those more advanced in life, has left us, during the last year or two, with a larger number of destitute places than usual, which I fear will not be supplied during the present year. In addition to these difficulties is the way of our rapid progress, requiring great zeal and self-denial in order to advancement, I should suppress the truth, were I not to say, that recent circumstances in the history of our own and Mother Church have contributed not a little to revive old prejudices and former opposition, which, for the last thirty years, had been gradually and happily subsiding, under the faithful preaching, and peaceable, conciliatory deportment of our Ministers. The cry of false doctrine and Romish tendencies has been renewed under circumstances well calculated to mislead the judgments of many good people, who are not so well qualified to distinguish between the errors of individuals and the positive corruptions of a Church. There are those, who, of course, would make use of these circumstances to our injury, the temptation being too strong for poor human nature entirely to resist. And in what spirit, and with what weapons shall we meet and contend with this old enemy, now risen up with renovated strength against us? Surely it becomes us to remember in what manner, and with what success, old prejudices were put down, and former opposition in a measure disarmed. Let us adopt the same method now, when we would overcome a less formidable foe, for it cannot be, that prejudice now exists to the same extent as formerly. Making all allowance for honest prejudice, and little regarding any other, let us, in the spirit of Christian kindness and patience, set forth the true doctrines of our Church, as established by the Reformers, and their conformity with Scripture, more emphatically than ever.

Let us avoid as much as possible all contention, not rendering railing for railing, but contrarywise blessing, and thus, as in former times, commend our Church to the hearts and judgments of the pious and peaceable. I well know the difficulty of this in some places, and under some circumstances, but am not the less persuaded of the duty, because of its difficulty, and the temptations to an opposite course.

To conclude. In urging you, my Brethren, to an adherence to those modes of exhibiting truth, and those means of advancing religion, which, in our Mother Church, and in the Church of Virginia, have been so blessed of Heaven; in warning you against changes in this time of innovation: you will not understand me as intimating that those who were first engaged in the work were incapable of error, and that no improvement could be made, neither that circumstances being changed in the progress of events, there might not be some modifications in the manner of promoting the same great object.

I am well aware of the folly of supposing that any one age or generation can be an unerring standard of truth and holiness. I admit the justness of the wise son of Sirach's warning, "say not that the former times were better than these, for thou speaketh not wisely concerning this thing." I admit, with readiness and gratitude, a general improvement in the condition of mankind, as to morals and religion, not only since my own recollection and observation, but for a much longer previous period. I dissent entirely from those who can see nothing but deterioration in the history of man, either in our own, or other lands. I see the very reverse of it in all Protestant Christendom, and even in some parts of the corrupt Church of Rome. Nevertheless, I cannot close my eyes to the fact, that some in the Episcopal Church of England and America, in their desire for its rapid extension, and its universal prevalence, and in their haste to attain some ideal perfection of unity, have embraced exploded errors, and subjected the whole Church to the charge of retracing its steps towards apostate Rome. In this, and in the vigorous and too successful efforts of Romanists to regain some of their lost power, we may perhaps see the approach of that last fearful conflict between truth and error, which is, happily, however, to be of short duration, and to end in a sure victory to the former. However this may be, my Brethren, and whether we shall see, or be engaged in this battle or not, one thing is certain, that we cannot be too earnest in our endeavors, each one, after personal holiness. We need not fear as an innovation or presumption, the attempt to be more holy than any who have gone before us, provided only, that we go by the rule of God's word. Neither can we be too zealous and faithful in preaching according to the law and testimony. If, in any thing, any of us find that we have erred, laying too much or too little comparative emphasis on doctrines, duties, ordinances, promises, threatenings, or any thing pertaining to the whole council of God; of course it is our duty, by the unerring word, to correct the same, not without a careful regard to the warning and instructive voice of history, which shows how prone some have been to give to the mint the annice and cummin of religion, that regard which is due only to the weightier matters of the law.

## BISHOP JOHN'S REPORT

*Of Episcopal and other services during the Conventional year ending May 21, 1845.*

The Rt. Rev. Assistant Bishop then read his address, as follows :

In commencing this statement, it may be proper to mention, that, in consequence of the absence of the Clergyman appointed to preach the usual Sermon to the gentlemen at the last Convention, that duty was devolved on me, and performed in St. Paul's Church, Lynchburg, on the evening of the 17th of May.

*Sunday, May 19.*—At 6 o'clock A. M., I preached in the same Church, and confirmed 15 persons. On the same day, and in the same Church, at the usual hour for Morning Service, I preached again, and assisted Bishop Meade in the ordination of a presbyter ; and at night I preached there a third time, previous to the parting Address by Bishop Meade. 15

*May 20.*—I left Lexington on a visitation of the Churches West of the Ridge.

*May 21.*—At Lexington, I consecrated Grace Church, and admitted to the Priesthood the Rev. Edwin A. Dalrymple, of St. Paul's Parish, Hanover. In these and other services in the Valley, I was assisted by several of the Clergy who accompanied me from the Convention. Grace Church, which is one of the evidences of the usefulness of our Diocesan Missionary Society, is a brick building, very convenient in all its arrangements, and capable of accommodating from four to five hundred persons. Commanding in its site—appropriate in its architecture, and adorned by a handsome steeple, it forms a beautiful addition to a scene, striking in its natural features, and rendered still more so by the range of fine buildings which belong to Washington College and to the Military Institute. The Christian courtesy extended to us by the different officers of those Institutions, I would not omit to notice, and I trust they may find the toils of education in some measure alleviated, and their success in their responsible work promoted, by the salutary influence of the Services of the Church which I was privileged to consecrate. 16

*May 22.*—I preached again in Grace Church, and confirmed nine persons. 9

*May 23.*—Rode to Buchanan, and preached there at night. The congregation in this place are engaged in erecting a Church, which will soon be ready for consecration. The Rev. Mr. Bryant, who, at the time of my visit, officiated alternately at Lexington and Buchanan, purposes confining his labors to Buchanan. The Church at Lexington wish to engage a minister who can give them the whole of his time.

*May 24.*—In the morning I preached at Fincastle, and admitted to the Priesthood the Rev. William H. Pendleton. In the afternoon I preached again, and confirmed twelve persons. 1

*May 26.*—I preached at Big Lick, and confirmed eight persons. 15

*May 27.*—Was occupied in reaching Liberty.

*May 28.*—I preached in the Methodist Church in Liberty, and confirmed one person. /

*on* May 29.—Consecrated St. Stephen's Church, Bedford, and confirmed six persons.

May 30.—Preached in Trinity Church, Bedford, and confirmed two persons.

My next appointment was at Ca Ira, Cumberland, at which place I arrived Saturday morning, June 1st—preached there that morning, and on the morning and afternoon of the next day, when I baptized four children, at the request of the Rector, and confirmed three persons.

June 3.—Preached at Painville in the morning, and in the afternoon baptized an infant.

June 4.—I was at the Church near Manakin town, Powhatan, but a heavy rain prevented the congregation from assembling.

June 9.—Preached in Christ Church, Richmond.

June 16.—Preached in St. John's, Richmond.

June 18.—At the request of Mr. Gifford, I preached at Black Heath Coal Pit, on the occasion of the interment of the persons who perished by an explosion in one of the mines.

June 23.—I consecrated St. Paul's Church, Hanover,—preached, and assisted the Rector in the administration of the Communion.

June 28.—Preached in Christ Church, Richmond.

June 29. Consecrated Grace Church, Meherrin Parish, Greenville—preached and confirmed four persons. The same night, at the residence of Mrs. Wyatt, I confirmed five colored persons.

From the 1st of July until the 14th I was confined by sickness. An appointment which I had made at Manakin town for July 4th was met by Bishop Meade whose line of visitation providentially brought him to the vicinity at that time.

July 14.—I left my room for Alexandria that I might be present at the ordination which was to take place there the next day, and render to Bishop Meade such aid as he might require.

July 15.—In Christ Church, Alexandria, I united with Bishop Meade in the ordination services. After he had admitted the members of the graduating class to Deacon's Orders, I admitted to the Priesthood the Rev. George Wilmer and the Rev. William F. Lockwood. At night, in the same Church, after sermon by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Lee, of Delaware, I addressed the congregation on behalf of the Diocesan Missions, and also administered confirmation to four persons.

It will be recollected, that at the last Convention a resolution was adopted, requesting me to suspend my regular visitations and engage in presenting an appeal to our friends in other Dioceses to aid us in endowing two professorships in the Theological Seminary. To this undertaking, much of my time during the rest of the year was devoted, and yet, so far as I am aware, no inconvenience has been experienced by any of the Parishes from want of Episcopal services.

Towards the end of July, I went to the District to prepare and have printed Circular, addressed to the friends of Theological education, setting forth concisely the history and the claims of our Institution, and stating our plan to secure its permanency and extend its usefulness. In connexion with this important object it was thought expedient that I should make an immediate visit to some of the Northern Cities, and confer with the several Rectors and some of the influential members, as to the best time and mode for making our application. On my way I found it necessary to avail myself of the sea air and bathing at Cape May, where I preached July 29th.

**Aug. 4.—Preached in St. Luke's Church, Philadelphia.** A few days in this city satisfied me that very little could then be done in the way of my mission. The persons with whom I wished to confer were, with very few exceptions, absent. I therefore returned to Newcastle, Delaware, where I preached on the 11th, and spent several days in corresponding with brethren at a distance. Every letter which I received contained very gratifying assurances of interest in our Seminary, and of a disposition to aid us in the accomplishment of our wishes. There was, however, but one opinion as to the inexpediency of making our application at that time. The months of October and November were indicated as the proper period. Concurring in this view, I returned to Richmond.

**Aug. 18.—Preached in Christ Church, Georgetown.**

**Aug. 25.—Preached in St. John's.**

**Sep. 1.—I officiated in the Monumental Church.**

**Sep. 15.—Preached in the same Church.**

**Sep. 22.—Preached morning and night in St. James' Church, Richmond.**

**Sep. 24.—Left home for the purpose of being present at the General Convention, and passed the rest of the week in Baltimore, distributing our circulars and visiting, preparatory to our application on behalf of the Seminary.**

**Sep. 30.—I preached on the subject of our Mission in St. Peter's Church in the morning, and at night in Christ Church. On each occasion Bishop Meade also delivered an address.**

The next day we occupied in visiting and soliciting subscriptions. The result, both here and in other places, will be made known to you in a separate communication.

**Oct. 2.—We were compelled to suspend our application in Baltimore and proceeded to Philadelphia, as the Session of the General Convention was to commence the next day.**

During the General Convention, as opportunity was afforded to me, I preached in several of the Churches of Philadelphia, and so arranged it as to render the services preparatory to our application on behalf of the Seminary.

**Oct. 6.—Preached in St. Philip's in the morning, at St. Andrew's at night.**

**Oct. 9.—Lectured in St. Paul's.**

**Oct. 13.—Preached in Grace Church in the morning, and in the Epiphany at night.**

**Oct. 19.—Lectured in Grace Church.**

**Oct. 20.—In Christ Church united in the consecration of the Bishops of New Hampshire, Alabama and Missouri. At night I preached in St. Paul's.**

**Oct. 24.—Preached in Grace Church.**

**Oct. 26.—In St. Peter's Church I united in the consecration of the Missionary Bishops for China, Arkansas, and the dependencies of the Sultan of Turkey.**

**Oct. 27.—Preached in St. Luke's in the morning, and in Christ Church in the afternoon.**

After the adjournment of the General Convention, I remained in Philadelphia, making personal application on behalf of the Seminary during the week, and on Sunday, November 3, I preached in the Church of the Epiphany in the morning, and at night for the congregation under the care of the Rev. Mr. Kerr.

**Nov. 6.—Having completed, as far as practicable for the present, the collection in Philadelphia, I proceeded to New York, and, according to arrangements pre-**



viously made by Bishop Meade, I preached that night at St. Mark's, and subsequently, as follows—

*Nov. 7.*—In the Church of the Ascension.

*Nov. 8.*—In St. George's.

*Nov. 10.*—In the Church of the Ascension in the morning; in St. Bartholomew's in the afternoon; and at night in St. Ann's, Brooklyn.

*Nov. 12.*—Proceeded to Boston.

*Nov. 13.*—Lectured in St. Paul's.

*Nov. 15.*—In Grace Church united with Bishop Meade in presenting the claims of the Seminary, and also in St. Paul's, on the 17th, in the morning, and in Trinity in the afternoon.

As Bishop Meade consented to complete the collection in Boston, I found myself at liberty to return for a few days to Richmond.

*Dec. 1.*—In the Monumental Church I read prayers, and, after a sermon by Bishop Otey, on Female Education, addressed the congregation in commendation of his subject.

*Dec. 7.*—I left home again for New York, and the next day preached morning and night in Christ Church, Baltimore.

From the 10th of December until the 3rd of January, I was engaged in the duties of the Court convened at St. John's Church, New York, for the trial of Bishop B. T. Onderdonk, D.D., on a presentment made by Bishops Meade, Otey and Elliot. The proceedings of the Court having been published, and the sentence canonically communicated to the Diocese, no further reference, on my part, can be necessary. During my detention in New York I officiated as follows:

*Dec. 15.*—Preached in St. Ann's, Brooklyn, in the morning, and at night in Calvary Church.

*Dec. 22.*—In St. Thomas' Church in the morning, and at night in St. Ann's, Brooklyn.

*Dec. 25.*—In St. Bartholomew's united with Bishop Lee and the Rector in the administration of the Communion.

*Dec. 29.*—Preached in St. Mark's Church in the morning, and at night, by the request of the Rector of Emanuel Church, Brooklyn, communicated by one of the wardens, Bishop Meade and myself presented the claims of the Seminary to the congregation.

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*Jan. 5.*—On my way to Richmond, I attended service in the morning in St. Peter's Church, Baltimore, and aided the Rector in the administration of the Communion. At night, I preached in Christ Church.

*Jan. 12.*—Preached in the Monumental Church.

*Jan. 19.*—Preached in the Monumental Church in the morning, and at night, in St. James' Church, united with the Rev. Mr. Gillett in commending to the congregation the objects of the Mission.

*Jan. 26 and 29.*—Preached in the Monumental Church.

*Feb. 2.*—Preached in the Monumental in the morning, and in St. James' at night.

*Ash Wednesday.*—Preached in the morning in the Monumental Church, and at night in St. James'.

*Feb. 9.*—Preached in the Monumental Church in the morning, and in St. James' at night.

Feb. 12.—In St. James' Church.

Feb. 16 and 19.—In St. James' Church at night.

Feb. 23.—In the Monumental Church.

March 2.—In the Monumental in the morning, and in St. James' at night.

March 5.—St. James' at night.

March 9.—In Christ Church in the morning, and in St. James' at night.

March 10, 11, 13.—Lectured in the Monumental on confirmation.

March 12.—Preached at St. James' at night.

March 14.—Preached in St. John's Church.

March 16.—Preached in St. John's Church in the morning, and confirmed six persons. At night preached in St. James', and confirmed 15 persons. Ten from Monumental Church.

March 17 and 18.—Preached in St. James' Church.

Easter Sunday. Preached in the Monumental Church in the morning, and in St. James' at night.

March 25.—Preached for the colored people in their Church on Broad street.

March 28.—Preached at Williamsburg, at night.

March 29.—In the same Church, after a sermon in the morning by the Rev. Beall, I addressed the congregation, and preached at night. In the afternoon, at the request of the Rector, I baptized an infant.

March 30.—Preached in the same Church in the morning, and confirmed seven persons. Preached again at night.

March 31.—At York Town, where the Rev. Mr. Hodges officiates occasionally, I preached in the Court House.

April 3.—Preached at Brandon Church, Prince George county.

April 4.—Preached to the colored people in their Chapel on the Brandon Es-

ate 10.—Consecrated St. Luke's Church, Powhatan, and preached. This church has much to commend it. It is well arranged, and neatly finished, but its dimensions are so small, that I trust its enlargement will soon be found necessary.

April 11.—Preached in St. Luke's, and confirmed one person.

April 12.—Preached at Grub Hill, Amelia.

April 13.—Preached in the same Church, and confirmed five persons.

April 14.—Preached in Grace Church, Powhatan, and confirmed three persons.

April 19.—Preached in Trinity Church, Hanover, in the morning. In the afternoon, I was requested to address the servants at Mr. Nelson's—a request with which it gave me much pleasure to comply.

April 20.—At Fork Church I preached, and confirmed four persons, and united with the Rector, and the Rev. Wm. G. Jackson, in the administration of the Lord's Supper.

April 30.—I left Richmond to visit the Churches in Louisa, Orange, Madison and Culpepper.

May 1.—Consecrated St. John's Church, near Mechanicsville, and preached. The erection of this building is very creditable to the zeal and liberality of the people whose efforts it has been completed. I was pleased to perceive, in the energy with which it had been so promptly surrounded, the evidence of a consideration that what had been wrought, should not be impaired. I hope the example may be followed by other congregations.

*May 2.*—Preached again in St. Luke's, and confirmed one person.

*May 3.*—Preached in the morning, in St. Thomas' Church, Orange Court House, and, in the afternoon, addressed the congregation, after a sermon by the Rev. Mr. Cole.

*May 4.*—Preached in the same Church in the morning, and confirmed six persons. Preached also at night.

*May 6.*—Preached at Madison Court House. In the afternoon, confirmed a sick lady in her own dwelling. At night, after a sermon by the Rev. Mr. Cole, I again addressed the congregation. This Church, and the one at Liberty, are vacant. Their solicitude to be supplied is very great, and we have hope that it will soon be gratified. A little aid from our Diocesan Missionary Society will enable them to secure the services of a Clergyman; and in a short time, I should hope that the Parish, under proper cultivation, will be able to sustain its Pastor, and even to assist in succoring others.

*May 7.*—Rode to Culpepper Court House, where I preached the next day, morning and night, and also on the 9th.

*May 10.*—Preached at Stephensburg.

*May 11.*—Preached in St. James', Culpepper, and confirmed nine persons.

In closing this statement, I cannot refrain from an expression of gratitude on account of the revival of our Diocesan Missionary Society, and for the patronage extended to it during the past year. But for the helping hand it affords, and the hope which it inspires, it would be painful indeed to pass through many portions of this extended State, and see its desolations and destitution. A commencement, and a very encouraging commencement, of the remedy has been made, by the instrumentality of which I speak. Enough has been done to show us what may be accomplished and to inspirit us in the blessed work. If the Church in Virginia will come up to its duty and privilege, and sustain this and the Education Society, together with our Theological Seminary, as they should be sustained, a day is before us, the dawn of which we have yet scarcely seen, and a harvest is to be reaped, the first fruits of which have hardly been gathered. Brethren, let us in faith, devise liberal things, and the abundant blessing of Heaven is in store for us.

The Convention then took a recess until after divine service—when, having reassembled:

The Committee on the examination of certificates of Lay Delegates reported the following gentlemen, not before present, as entitled to seats, viz:

W. C. Latané, *South Farnham P., Essex.*

W. T. Taliaferro, }  
John R. Bryan, } *Abingdon and Ware Parishes, Gloucester.*

Thomas Matthews, *St. Ann's P., Essex.*

Thomas H. Williamson, *Woodville P., Rockbridge.*

B. C. Chinn, *North Farnham P., Richmond Co.*

Robert C. Steptoe, *Russell P., Bedford.*

Robert W. Tomlin, *St. Paul's, Hanover.*

B. W. Bramham, *St. John's Church, Louisa.*

James Murdaugh, *Portsmouth P., Portsmouth.*

The Assistant Bishop, presiding, announced the following Standing Committees.

*Committee on State of the Church.*—Rev. A. Empie, D.D., John Grammer, Edward C. McGuire, D.D., Alexander Jones, D.D., William Sparrow, D.D., Charles Mann, E. Boyden, of the Clergy; and Messrs. Thomas G. Coleman, William Pollock, John Allmand, Jeremiah Morton, Samuel Slaughter, of the Laity.

*Committee on Finance.*—General Samuel H. Lewis, Messrs. Edmund Fontaine, Lewis A. Boggs, William H. Fowle, William Williams, Cassius F. Lee, James Ransom.

*Committee on Episcopal Fund.*—Rev. C. B. Dana, Rev. J. T. Johnson, Messrs. Thomas H. Claggett, John E. Page, R. H. Cunningham.

*Committee on the Accounts of the Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Society.*—Messrs. George M. Carrington, B. B. Minor, W. P. Stewart, William Galt.

*Committee on Parochial Reports.*—Rev. T. T. Castleman, Rev. John Cole, Rev. William Friend.

*Committee on the Admission of New Parishes.*—Rev. C. B. Dana, Rev. James May, D.D., Mr. Thomas Ambler.

*Committee on Widows and Orphans Fund.*—Rev. W. N. Ward, Rev. John McGuire, Rev. Aristides Smith.

Rev. Mr. Earnest presented a petition for the admission of a new Parish—referred.

Mr. Lee, from the select Committee, presented the following report.

*Resolved*, That the resignation of the Rev. B. M. Miller, as Secretary of the Convention, be accepted, and that the thanks of the Convention be presented to him for the faithful discharge of his laborious duties for the several years he has held that office.

*Resolved*, That William M. Blackford, Esq., of Fredericksburg, be appointed Secretary of the Convention.

*Resolved*, That Mr. Edmund Fontaine be appointed Treasurer *pro. tem.*

Said resolutions being submitted by the chair were unanimously adopted.

Rev. W. N. Ward submitted sundry amendments to Canon 7th, and requested the appointment of a special committee—subject laid over by rule until to-morrow.

The reading of the Parochial reports was then commenced, and continued until, on motion, the Convention adjourned to meet again to-morrow at 9 A. M.

FRIDAY, MAY 23.

The Convention met at 9 o'clock, A. M., pursuant to adjournment, and was opened with prayer by the Right Rev., the Assistant Bishop.

Mr. Blackford, elected Secretary yesterday, appeared and assumed the duties of his office.

The Secretary read the record of the proceedings of yesterday.

The roll of the Convention was then read, and reports from Parishes received.

Mr. Williams, from the Trustees of the Widows and Orphans Fund, read their Report, which was referred to the appropriate committee.

The Report of the Treasurer of the Convention was presented, and was referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion—*Resolved*, That the Bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Virginia be requested to admit to the Holy Order of Deacons such persons as they shall consider qualified to hold that office, under the provisions of the 6th Canon of the late General Convention.

Mr. Williams, Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Society, presented his account, which, on his motion, was referred to the appropriate Committee.

The Rev. Mr. Dana, from the Committee on the Admission of New Parishes, reported favorably upon the Petition of the Vestry of St. John's Church, Green Spring Parish, Louisa County—which Report was adopted by the Convention.

The Rev. Mr. Ward, from the select Committee, to which was referred the resolution to amend the 7th Canon, made the following Report :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO AMEND 7TH CANON.

The Committee, to whom was referred the motion to amend the 7th Canon, would report that they have had the same under consideration, and recommend that the 7th section of the Canon be so amended as in the 4th line, after the words "not guilty," insert the words *what punishment shall be awarded if guilty*. In the 6th line strike out the words "such sentence as shall to him appear proper," and insert the words "*sentence according to the finding of the council*." In the 7th line strike out all after the word "but," and insert the words "the Bishop, with the advice of the clerical members of the Standing Committee, may mitigate, or remit the punishment, or may grant a new trial, if desired by the accused, in which case a new council shall be convened, before which the proceedings shall be conducted as before provided."

The section as amended would read. "When the trial shall be gone through, the council shall declare, in a writing to be signed by the several members, or a majority of them, their decision on the charges contained in the presentment, distinctly stating whether they find the accused guilty or not guilty, and what punishment shall be awarded if guilty, and shall forward the decision, together with the evidence and a record of the proceedings, to the Bishop. Whereupon the Bishop shall pronounce sentence according to the finding of the council, and such sentence

shall be final. But the Bishop, with the advice and consent of the clerical members of the Standing Committee, may mitigate or remit the punishment: or may grant a new trial if desired by the accused, in which case a new council shall be convened, before which the proceedings shall be conducted as before provided."

WILLIAM N. WARD.

On motion, the consideration of the whole subject was postponed until the next session of the Convention.

On motion—*Resolved*, That the 12th Canon be referred to a committee to inquire into the propriety of adopting a substitute for the same.

The resolution was adopted, and a committee appointed, consisting of the Rev. Mr. Christian, the Rev. Mr. Clark, and Messrs. Allmand and Carrington.

The Rev. Mr. Dana, from the Committee on the Episcopal Fund, made the following Report, which was adopted.

The Committee on the "Episcopal Fund" have received from the wardens of Christ Church, Alexandria, D. C., the following statement, which they beg leave to submit to the Convention as their Report.

C. B. DANA,  
J. T. JOHNSTON,  
JOHN E. PAGE,  
THOMAS H. CLAGETT,  
R. H. CUNNINGHAM.

#### REPORT ON EPISCOPAL FUND.

The trustees of the Bishop's Fund report, that since the last Convention they have received dividends from the Bank of Potomac and Farmers Bank of Alexandria, amounting to three hundred, thirty-seven dollars and fifty cents, which, added to the cash on hand last year uninvested, of three hundred one dollars and twenty-five cents, makes the sum of six hundred thirty-eight dollars and seventy-five cents now to invest.

Par value of 117 shares of Farmers Bank of Alexandria Stock.	\$5,850 00
Do. do 9 do. Potomac Bank Stock. - - -	900 00
Cash on deposit in the Farmers Bank of Alexandria to the credit of the trustees, - - - - -	638 75
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	\$7,388 75

WASHINGTON C. PAGE, } *Church Wardens, Christ Church,*  
RICHARD C. MASON, } *Alexandria, Fairfax Parish.*

On motion—*Resolved*, That the Committee of Finance be instructed to inquire into the expediency of releasing to the several delinquent parishes all arrearages to the Contingent Fund due prior to the year 1844.

To which Resolution an amendment was proposed, in the following words:

"And also into the expediency of releasing missionary stations from the contribution to the Convention Fund."

The amendment being adopted, the resolution was, thus amended, adopted.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9 o'clock, A. M., in the Lecture room.

SATURDAY, 24TH MAY, 1845.

The Convention met at 9 o'clock, A. M., in the Lecture room, pursuant to ment, and was opened by prayer from the Right Rev., the Assistant Bishop

On motion—*Resolved*, That at all future Conventions it shall be the each clergyman to hand in, or, if not present, to forward to the Secretary, Convention, on the first day of its meeting, a statement of the number of communicants under his charge, specifying the number belonging to each, the rector of more than one Church or parish, which number shall be the determine the amount to be paid to the Contingent Fund—and that, in case there is no rector, it shall be made the duty of the wardens to make such

The subject of the revival of the High School was brought before the Convention, by the Right Rev., the Bishop and Assistant Bishop, who announced arrangements had been made to reopen that institution under the superintendence of the Rev. Mr. Dalrymple.

Professors Sparrow, Packhard, May and Lippit, and the Rev. Mr. Ufford called upon by the Bishop, bore the highest testimony to the qualifications of Mr. Dalrymple, and to the importance of the school to the interests of the Theological Seminary and the Church.

On motion—*Resolved*, That the trustees be directed to proceed, as soon practicable, to reopen the High School, at Howard, in the neighborhood of Ak under the superintendence of the Rev. Mr. Dalrymple.

*Resolved*, That this Convention earnestly commend the school, when opened, to the patronage of the friends of the Church.

*Resolved*, That for the purpose of raising a sum for repairs and furniture necessary for reopening the High School a subscription be now opened, the same be payable on the 1st of October next, and that a committee be appointed upon friends of the Church now present.

The resolution was adopted, and a committee, consisting of Messrs. Fowle, appointed, which committee, in a few minutes, reported that the one thousand dollars had been obtained.

On motion—*Resolved*, That the 29th Rule be amended, by inserting word "be," in the second line, the words "the appointment of the Treasurer," when the Treasurer is not a member of the Convention."

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Grammer,

*Resolved*, That the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary do receive, with thankfulness, the donation of the library recently made by Griswold, according to the provisions of the will of her late venerable husband

that Bishop Meade be requested to address a letter to her, expressive of the high sense in which they hold the memory of Bishop Griswold, and their gratitude for her having selected our institution as the object of the bequest.

*Resolved*, That this Convention, deeply impressed with the importance of having some legal protection of the rights of property of the religious, benevolent and literary institutions of the Church, and trusting to the wisdom and justice of the Legislature, after due consideration, to afford the safest and best security for the same, requests the committee, to whom the duty of presenting the subject to the Legislature of Virginia was assigned, to continue such efforts as shall seem most likely to effect the object, and this Convention hereby calls upon all the ministers, members and friends of the Episcopal Church of Virginia to adopt such measures, in their part, as the above mentioned committee shall advise.

Rev. Mr. Ward from the Committee on the Widows and Orphans Fund, made the following report.

#### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE WIDOWS AND ORPHANS FUND.

The committee, to whom was referred the Report of the Trustees of the Widows and Orphans Fund, would state that they have examined the reports of the Treasurer and Trustees, and find them correct. It appears that there are two bonds due the trustees of the fund, on which nothing has been paid—one of \$200 dollars the other \$73 50 cents. Your committee recommend that they be collected as soon as practicable, and be so invested as to yield a dividend. Respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM N. WARD.

The trustees of the fund for the relief of the widows and orphans of deceased clergymen in the Diocese of Virginia report,

That there has been received by the Treasurer from that fund, for interest and dividends, and paid to the Widows and Orphans Society, since last Convention, \$566 78 as follows :

Interest to 1st March last on bond for \$1,600,	-	-	-	-	\$80 53
On account of note for \$600,	-	-	-	-	100 00
Dividend on 1 share stock in Bank of Virginia,	-	-	-	-	3 75
do on 5 do in Bank of Alexandria on winding up its affairs, and probably the last,	-	-	-	-	5 00
do on 4 shares stock in Bank of Potomac,	-	-	-	-	10 00
do on 147 shares stock in Farmers Bank of Alexandria,	-	-	-	-	367 50
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					\$566 78

The only change in the state of the fund since last Convention is the payment, above mentioned, of \$100 on account of the note of \$600, which amount was paid to the Widows and Orphans Society on account of the arrears of interest due that society as per last report. And that the Trustees, at the request of one of the obligors in the bond for \$1,600, heretofore forming part of the fund, agreed to take in lieu thereof two bonds for \$800 each, one at 6 and the other at 12 months from 1st March last, with interest. They were induced to make this change from a desire to have a definite time fixed for payment, and the new bonds are considered undoubtedly good.



The fund now consists of

147 shares stock in Farmers Bank of Alexandria, at par,	-	\$7,350	
4 do do in Bank of Potomac, do do	-	400	
1 do do in Bank of Virginia, do do	-	100	
2 Bonds of \$800 each, dated 1st March, 1845, one payable at 6 and the other at 12 months from date, with interest,	-	1,000	00
A note dated 20th April, 1841, payable on demand, on which nothing has ever been paid,	-	200	00
Another note dated 2nd April, 1841, payable on demand, on which nothing has ever been paid,	-	273	50
A note due 5th September, 1833, and protested, interest on which has been paid to 5th May, 1835,	\$600		
Paid 7th August, 1840, \$250. 18th May, 1844, \$100	350	250	00
			\$10,173 50
Deduct balance of arrears of interest due Widows and Orphans Society,	-	-	853 55
			\$9,319 95

Also 5 shares stock in Bank of Alexandria, worth at par \$1,000, on which nothing more will probably ever be realized.

All which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS NELSON,  
WM. H. HUBBARD,  
WILLIAM WILLIAMS, *Treasurer.*

} Trustees.

The Rev. Dr. Empie, from the Committee on the State of the Church, made the following report :

The Committee on the state of the Church beg leave to report, that they know of no subjects of importance calling for their *special* attention, as through the blessing of God the Church continues both safe and prosperous, and the duties, as well as cautions, most peculiarly appropriate to the present day, will be spread out on the face of our Journal in the Episcopal reports, and the interesting, appropriate and instructive address of our Diocesan.

But though released from *special* duty, your Committee would beg leave to throw out a few *general suggestions*, which they hope will not be found altogether destitute of importance.

God has enabled us, for many years past, to report an annual increase of numbers, a growing state of prosperity, and a hopeful condition of increasing piety. Let the Church be admonished to remember, that *prosperity has its dangers* :—that the Church may *outwardly* flourish, and yet not be rich towards God—that a fair and promising exterior may sometimes exist, when there is unsoundness, or even corruption within,—and that the more we are outwardly blessed, so much the more will God expect us to bring forth the fruits of righteousness and true holiness. As individuals and as Churches, should we not all enquire, whether we are growing in grace and in spirituality, and abounding in good works, in proportion as God has blessed us ? Do our inward holiness and our Christian graces, and our light, shine and abound in proportion to our visible prosperity ?

The Spirit of God has, from time to time, produced, in different places among us, a revival of religion. But after all revivals there is a *tendency to reaction*,—and

while God claims our gratitude for His loving kindness to our Zion, we hear some complaints of *coldness and formality* that should warn us of our danger ; put us all on our guard against the evils of religious declension ; and renewedly stir us up to greater zeal and diligence. God's blessing has always been withdrawn from churches that grow lukewarm in His service.

From the *great importance* of the subject, your Committee cannot but reëcho the advice of our Bishops, as to the great duty of Christian charity, and a forming spirit of brotherly kindness towards those who differ from us, both within and without the Church.

The excitements of party invariably tend to all the sins of uncharitableness in sight, word and deed. While we firmly maintain the truth, and resist both error and innovation, may God ever give us grace to do it in the spirit of love. However likely some of our Christian brethren may depart from the evangelical system of truth and duty, and however sharply we may rebuke what we deem their errors in faith and practice, let us leave their motives before God, untouched, and accord to them the same honesty, sincerity and piety of intention, which we claim for ourselves.

Some of the parochial reports have noticed a subject, which we cannot pass over in silence ; for, although nothing particular has occurred to call forth our sentiments on this point, yet, as we deem it a matter of *more than common importance*, we cannot consent to pass it by altogether without notice—we mean the *religious instruction of our colored classes*, children and adults, bond and free. And we mean—not the teaching them to read—but teaching them orally, such things as may make them “wise unto salvation.” It is a fact, that in families, and in Sunday schools, established on plantations and in Churches, throughout our villages and towns, in numerous instances, colored children and adults have been orally taught just as our own children are in our Sunday schools. Experience has every where shown that they learn with great facility,—and we have both reason and experience,—both the authority of God and the testimony of man to prove, that those who have enjoyed the benefits of sound religious instruction are generally more useful and faithful,—better men—better servants, and better Christians, than those who are not so instructed. God's honor is pledged that it shall be so, for He hath said, but, “His word shall not return unto Him void, but shall accomplish that whereto He hath sent it.” Experience, too, has proved, that those who are brought up under erroneous religious teaching are often made worse instead of better, by becoming professors of religion, under the influence of their ignorance, their prejudices and their errors. Is it not then our *interest*, as well as our *duty*, and for the benefit of the community as well as of masters and of families, that in all families, plantations and Churches, our colored classes should, as far as possible, be gathered into schools for religious instruction,—just as our children are in Sunday Schools ? Is not a fact, that Almighty God holds us just as much bound to train up our servants, as to train up our children, “in the nurture and admonition of the Lord ?” The very reason that He gave for selecting Abraham out of all the men in the world, for the head and founder of His Old Testament Church and people, was, because, as God himself says, He knew “Abraham, that he would command his children and his household after him, to keep the way of the Lord.” And Abraham, accordingly, as God expressly commanded, brought all his servants and

slaves, as well as his children, under the bond of the covenant. If the souls of our servants, as well as of our children, are entrusted to our care, how shall we answer it to our consciences and unto God, if we do not endeavor to secure them all the benefits of careful religious instruction. And since God in His Providence has caused Sunday Schools to be established for this purpose, does He not clearly make it our duty to bring our colored classes, as far as practicable, under the religious instruction of Sunday Schools? May God give Christians grace, everywhere, to lay these things to heart.

All which is respectfully submitted.

A. EMPIE,

*Chairman of Committee.*

Mr. Williams, from the Executive Committee of the Diocesan Missionary Society presented the following report.

#### REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE DIOCESAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The Executive Committee report, that during the last year they have appropriated \$1,837 50 to the support of the Missionaries in connexion with the Society. The following parishes have received assistance from the funds, in such proportion the Ex. Com. deemed most advisable—Mill Creek, Jefferson county; Parkersburg; Point Pleasant; Pittsylvania; Campbell county; Greensville county; Elizabeth City; Southampton county; Augusta county; Fairfax county; Brooke county; Rockbridge and Kanawha counties. The reports of the several Missionaries, received by the Committee, have been published in condensed form in the *South Churchman*. It is therefore unnecessary to enlarge this statement, by the repetition of what has already been sufficiently made known to the Diocese. We may add, however, that the results of the operation of the Society have been such as should gladden and encourage the hearts of its friends. It is only necessary to enlarge its means, and under the blessings of God we may look for proportionate success. The contributions received during the past year amount to \$1,866 :

There has been expended in the purchase of Prayer Books, \$21; and in the purchase of Tracts, \$54 45. The committee hope soon to make such arrangements as will secure a constant supply of Prayer Books, and of such standard Tracts as it may be most desirable to put in circulation.

F. H. DEANE,

*Secretary of the Diocesan Missionary Society*

Mr. Carrington, from the Committee appointed to examine the accounts of the Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Society, made the following Report :

The Committee, appointed to examine the accounts of the Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Society of Virginia, respectfully report, that they have examined the same, and found them correct.

G. M. CARRINGTON, *Chairman*

*William Williams, Treas., in account with the Diocesan Missionary Society.*

1844.		Dr.	
May 30.	To cash paid draft of Rev. W. H. Goode, in full of his appropriation for last year,		\$75 00
	Paid Edward S. Pegram, for Rev. W. H. Goode, being a specific donation to him from Christ Church, Norfolk,		50 00
28.	Paid Rev. Geo. Woodbridge for postages,		50
June 17.	Paid do do		25
28.	Paid draft of Rev. Thos. Smith, Missionary at Parkersburg, amount of specific donations to his Church,		15 00
July 2.	To cash remitted Rev. J. B. Goodwin, Missionary, Point Pleasant, Mason county,		37 50
	To cash remitted Rev. G. W. Dame, Missionary, Danville, Pittsylvania county,		37 50
	To cash remitted Rev. S. D. Tompkins, Missionary, Pigeons Run, Campbell county,		37 50
	To cash remitted E. B. McGuire, Missionary, Poplar Mount, Greenville county,		35 00
	To cash remitted Rev. John P. Bausman, Missionary at Hampton,		37 50
	To cash remitted Rev. Edmund Withers, Missionary, Drewrysville, Southampton county,		37 50
27.	To cash paid 1 per cent. discount on \$60 Georgia money, received from Christ Church, Alexandria,		60
Aug. 1.	To cash remitted Rev. Joshua L. Harrison, Missionary, Wellsburg, Brooke county,		37 50
	To cash paid Rev. James Craik's draft in full, for appropriation made Rev. Mr. Wirt, Kanawha county,		112 50
Sept. 3.	To cash paid Joseph Gill, for 100 Prayer Books, and expenses thereon,		21 00
14.	To cash paid draft of Rev. Wm. Bryant, Missionary, Lexington, Rockbridge county,		42 00
24.	To cash paid Rev. E. B. McGuire, Greenville county,		37 50
Oct. 10.	To cash paid draft of Rev. G. W. Dame, Danville,		37 50
18.	To cash paid draft of Rev. J. P. Bausman, Hampton,		37 50
	To cash paid Rev. W. H. Goode, Missionary, Middleway, Jefferson county,		50 00
22.	To cash remitted Rev. Joshua L. Harrison, Wellsburg,		12 50
Nov. 2.	To cash paid draft of Rev. Thos. Smith, Missionary, Parkersburg, Wood county,		65 00
	To cash remitted Rev. J. B. Goodwin, Mason county,		37 50
6.	To cash paid Rev. E. Withers, Southampton county,		37 50
	To cash paid Rev. Wm. Bryant, Lexington,		33 00
8.	To cash paid Rev. Wm. H. Goode, Jefferson county,		50 00
19.	To cash paid Joseph Gill, to purchase 100 copies of Tract, "Reasons why I am a Churchman,"		7 50
20.	To cash paid draft of Rev. Thos. Smith, Parkersburg,		60 00
Dec. 2.	To cash paid draft of Rev. S. D. Tompkins, Campbell co.,		12 50
13.	To cash paid Jos. Gill, for 79,540 pages Tracts ordered for Society, and expenses,		46 95
28.	To cash paid Rev. Wm. Bryant, Lexington,		37 00
1845.			
Jan. 13.	To cash remitted Rev. E. Withers, Southampton county,		37 50
	To cash remitted Rev. E. B. McGuire, Greenville co.,		37 50

*Amount carried forward,***\$1,213 80**

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>		\$1,212 88
Jan. 13.	To cash remitted Rev. J. B. Goodwin, Mason county,	37 00
18.	To cash paid draft of Rev. Jas. McElroy, Missionary, in Augusta county,	75 00
	To cash paid draft of Rev. J. P. Bausman, Hampton,	75 00
	To cash paid draft of Rev. G. W. Dame, Danville,	37 50
31.	To cash paid Rev. W. H. Goode, Jefferson county,	50 00
Feb. 7.	To cash paid draft of Rev. S. D. Tompkins, Campbell co.,	50 00
March 4.	To cash remitted Rev. Wm. F. Lockwood, Missionary, Hay Market, Fairfax county,	50 00
	20. To cash remitted Rev. Thos. Smith, Parkersburg,	75 00
	26. To cash remitted Rev. Mr. Bryant, Lexington,	38 00
	27. To cash paid draft of Rev. James McElroy, Staunton,	92 00
April 1.	To cash remitted Rev. S. D. Tompkins, Campbell co.,	37 50
	To cash remitted Rev. E. Withers, Southampton,	37 50
	10. To cash paid draft of Rev. J. McElroy, Staunton,	3 00
	To cash remitted Rev. G. W. Dame, Danville,	37 50
	To cash remitted Rev. E. B. McGuire, Greensville,	37 50
	To cash remitted Rev. J. P. Bausman, Hampton,	37 50
May 20.	To balance of cash in hand,	304 93
		<hr/> \$2,219 23

1844.	Cs.	
May 15.	By balance in hand per account to Convention at Lynchburg,	\$352 39
	By cash from St. James' Church, Culpepper county,	20 00
	By cash from Russel Parish, Bedford county,	4 00
	By cash from Christ Church, Norfolk, for Rev. Mr. Goode,	50 00
	By cash from Christ Church, Norfolk, for general purposes,	100 00
	By cash from E. W. Roy, Mathews county,	1 00
	By cash from John Henley, Charlotte county,	1 00
	By cash from Hampton Church, per Rev. Mr. Bausman,	11 00
	By cash from John Wilkins, Brunswick county,	10 00
	By cash from Mrs. Mary A. Jones, Brunswick county,	2 00
	By cash from Congregation at Buchanan,	10 63
	By cash from C. F. Lee, Christ Church, Alexandria,	10 00
	By cash from Christ Church, Alexandria,	10 00
	By cash from Dale Parish, Chesterfield county,	13 00
	By cash from St. Martin's Church, Hanover county,	7 00
	By cash from Miss M. W. Sims, Antrim Parish,	1 00
	By cash from Mrs. E. A. Bruce, Antrim Parish,	10 00
	By cash from Miss Sarah Bruce, Antrim Parish,	75 00
	By cash from Mrs. M. E. Grammer, Antrim Parish,	1 00
	By cash from Rev. John Grammer, Antrim Parish,	10 00
	By cash from Miss C. Holt, Antrim Parish,	1 00
	By cash from Mrs. E. A. Clarke, Antrim Parish,	5 00
	By cash from Mrs. E. A. Borum, Antrim Parish,	1 00
	By cash from Mrs. Sarah Wauhup, Antrim Parish,	1 00
	By cash from Mrs. E. S. Easley, Antrim Parish,	1 00
	By cash from Mrs. Ann Henderson, St. Paul's Church, Alexandria, for Church at Parkersburg,	10 00
	By cash from St. John's Church, Lunenburg county,	11 00
	By cash from Mrs. M. B., Bottetourt county,	5 00
	By cash from Thos. G. Goodwin, Bottetourt county,	2 50

*Amount carried forward,*

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\$736 44

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>		\$736 44
15. By cash from Mrs. E. Breckenridge, Bottetourt county,	5 00	
By cash from Mrs. M. E. Taylor, Bottetourt county,	5 00	
By cash from Mrs. E. B. Watts, Roanoke county,	5 00	
By cash from Christ Church, Lancaster county,	30 00	
By cash from Mrs. H. Stribbling, Staunton,	3 00	
By cash from Miss M. J. Smith, Antrim Parish,	1 00	
By cash from Hatley Norton, Trinity Church, Staunton,	25	
By cash from Monthly Concert of Prayer, Trinity Church, Staunton,	19 20	
By cash from Christ Church, Charlottesville,	67 20	
By cash from Mrs. Jas. H. Garland, Lexington Parish,	4 00	
By cash from Mrs. E. Withers, Dinwiddie county,	2 00	
By cash from Dr. Thos. Withers, Dinwiddie county,	3 00	
By cash from Raleigh, Dale and Genito Parishes,	11 00	
By cash from a Daughter of the Church, Christ Church, Smithfield,	1 00	
By cash from St. Paul's Church, Lynchburg,	33 50	
By cash from Mrs. Capt. Tyler, St. Paul's, Norfolk,	7 00	
By cash from Sunday School, St. Paul's, Norfolk,	5 00	
By cash from Trinity Church, Portsmouth, for Church at Parkersburg,	5 00	
By cash from Trinity Church, for general purposes,	22 00	
By cash from Mrs. Hill, Spotsylvania county,	5 00	
By cash from Mrs. H., Spotsylvania county,	2 00	
By cash from Miss. H., Spotsylvania county,	50	
By cash from Widow's Mite, Spotsylvania county,	57	
By cash from Mr. R., Spotsylvania county,	1 50	
20. By cash from St. James' Parish, Goochland and Flava- vanna,	45 00	
9. By cash from Bishop Johns' collections, viz :		
Churches in Northern Neck,	55 47	
Bruce Chapel,	4 00	
Church at Point Pleasant,	9 18	
Church at Parkersburg,	11 90	
Church at Fincastle,	17 00	
Brick Church, Roanoke,	14 00	
Church at Liberty,	25 46	
Sunday School Children at Liberty,	8 85	
St. Stephen's Church, Bedford county,	15 06	
Trinity Church, Bedford county,	5 00	
Church at Ca Ira,	23 00	
Church at Petersburg,	19 54	
1. By cash from a friend, Christ Church, Richmond, per Rev. Geo. Woodbridge,	2 00	
By cash from Savings Bank, for interest,	6 77	
5. By cash from Bishop Johns, for collections, viz :		
St. Andrew's Parish, Brunswick,	11 20	
Bath Parish, Dinwiddie,	19 32	
St. Paul's Church, Lunenburg,	7 55	
St. John's Church, Lunenburg,	12 75	
At Halifax Court House,	20 56	
Boynton, Mecklenburg,	15 75	
12. By cash from Church at Fairfax Court House,	8 81	
13. By cash from a member of the Monumental Church,	8 00	
20. By cash from St. George's Church, Fredericksburg, per Rev. E. C. McGuire,	15 00	

*Amount carried forward,*\$1,349 33

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>		\$1,349 33
July 26.	By cash from Christ Church, Alexandria, collected after an address by Bishop Johns, 14th instant,	85 37
	By cash from individuals of that Church, subsequently,	26 63
Aug. 1.	By cash from Savings Bank, for interest,	2 79
21.	By cash from John Gray, Esq., Fredericksburg,	10 00
29.	By cash from a sale of Flowers and Needle Work, by a few little girls, at Fauquier Springs,	7 50
Sept. 6.	By cash from a Letter without name, postmarked "Millwood,"	5 00
Oct. 24.	By cash from Green Spring Parish, per Rev. Mr. Earnest,	13 00
29.	By cash from Sunday School in Madison county, for 24 Prayer Books, at 12 1-2 cts.,	3 00
Nov. 4.	By cash from J. Marshall, Leeds Parish, Fauquier,	10 00
14.	By cash from St. Thomas' Church, Orange, per Rev. J. Earnest,	20 80
Dec. 2.	By cash from Grace Church, Lexington, per Rev. Wm. Bryant,	5 41
10.	By cash from St. George's Church, Fredericksburg, per Rev. E. C. McGuire,	11 74
11.	By cash from Boyden Chapel, Augusta county, per Rev. J. McElroy,	4 00
	By cash from John Churchman, Chapel Hill, in part to constitute him a life member,	15 00
14.	By cash from Mrs. Rowan, Middlesex county,	5 00
23.	By cash from Monumental Church, Richmond, part of a collection for Missionary purposes, per Rev. Wm. Norwood,	123 60
26.	By cash from Miss Mary Meade, Clarke county, per C. F. Lee,	5 00
	By cash from Miss Polly Page, Clarke county, per C. F. Lee,	5 00
Jan. 3.	By cash from St. George's Church, Fredericksburg, per Rev. E. C. McGuire,	22 50
10.	By cash from Russell Parish, Bedford county, per Rev. Mr. Marbury,	10 00
11.	By cash from Savings Bank, for interest,	16 35
13.	By cash from St. John's Church, City Point, per Rev. M. McFarland,	5 00
	By cash from Rev. M. McFarland, for Prayer Books,	2 50
20.	By cash from Rev. R. K. Meade, Charlottesville,	30 00
29.	By cash from Mrs. M. Tidball, Winchester, per Rev. W. Y. Rooker,	2 60
	By cash from Philip Williams, Jr., per Rev. W. Y. Rooker,	5 00
	By cash from Mrs. R. M. Marshall, per Rev. W. Y. Rooker,	5 00
	By cash from a Lady in Leeds Parish, per Rev. W. Y. Rooker,	5 00
	By cash from Prayer Meeting Band No. 4, of Christ Church, Winchester, per Rev. W. Y. Rooker,	12 00
Feb. 8.	By cash from St. Ann's and South Farnham Parishes, per Rev. J. P. McGuire,	25 00
March 8.	By cash from a Lady of Leeds Parish, per Rev. W. H. Pendleton,	20 00
10.	By cash from Piedmont Church, Madison county, per Rev. J. Earnest,	15 11

*Amount carried forward,*

1,883 13

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>		\$1,883 13
March 24.	By cash from two Ladies at a distance, for Missions in Western Virginia, by Bishop Johns,	200 00
	By cash for Premium of Exch. on the above, being in Northern Notes,	1 50
April 1.	By cash from St. George's Church, Fredericksburg, per Rev. E. C. McGuire,	25 00
	3. By cash from St. John's Church, City Point, per Rev. Malcolm McFarland,	5 08
	9. By cash from Bruton Parish, Williamsburg, by Bishop Johns,	33 30
	14. By cash from Shelburn Parish, Loudon county, per Rev. George Adie,	40 00
	By cash from Bishop Johns, for collection at consecration of St. Luke's Church, Powhatan,	6 22
	25. By cash from Raleigh Parish, Amelia, by Bishop Johns,	19 00
	By cash from Genito Parish, Powhatan, by Bishop Johns,	6 00
		<hr/> \$2,219 23
May 21.	By balance of cash in hand,	<hr/> \$304 93

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WILLIAM WILLIAMS, *Treasurer.*

*Richmond, 21st May, 1846.*

On motion,

*Resolved,* That the Secretary of the Convention cause to be printed 2,000 extra copies of so much of the Address of Bishop Meade as relates to the origin, progress and present state of the Episcopal Church of Virginia.

On motion,

*Resolved,* That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the different Denominations of this town, for the use of their Churches, kindly offered to us during the Convention.

The Convention then proceeded to the election of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, which resulted in the choice of the old Board, with the exception of the election of Richard H. Cunningham, Esq., in the place of Thos. F. Nelson,

q.

The Standing Committee was elected, as follows:—Rev. Messrs. Lippitt, Dana Sparrow, and J. Hooft, Esq., Dr. O. Fairfax, and C. F. Lee, Esq.

The Executive Committee of the Diocesan Missionary Society, for the last year, was then re-elected.

On motion,

*Resolved,* That the next meeting of the Convention of this Diocese, be held in the Town of Petersburg, on the 3rd Wednesday in May, 1846.

The Convention then took a recess.



SATURDAY, 8 o'clock P. M.

The Convention re-assembled, the Rt. Rev., the Bishop, in the Chair.

Gen. Lewis, from the Committee of Finance, made the following Report:

The Committee of Finance, having performed the duty assigned them, respectfully report,

That upon examination of the accounts of our Diocesan Treasurer, (Mr. Hubbard,) marked A, we have found them fairly and accurately stated, with satisfactory vouchers for all his disbursements.

Your Committee find that the contributions from the several Parishes to the contingent fund for the present year amount to the sum of \$4,560 74, as per list B. That the sum of \$67 75 has been received on account of arrearages due prior to the last year, (see C,) making, together with the balance in the hands of the Treasurer, the sum of \$4,645 62. The delinquencies for the year 1844 amount to \$390 28; (see D,) the delinquencies for the present year amount to \$439 85, as per list E, and the following Parishes have made no report.—See list F.

Your Committee have also, according to order, had under consideration the expediency of striking off the arrearages due from the several Parishes to the contingent fund for years prior to 1844,—and whilst your Committee cannot forbear the expression of their regret, that any Parish should ever suffer itself to become delinquent in the performance of a duty, so obviously necessary and proper, that your Committee deem it an act of supererogation to make one single remark to enforce it, yet, in the hope that more punctuality for the future will be observed, your Committee have been induced to recommend that no further effort should be made to collect the said arrearages, nor any report be made of any delinquency that occurred previously to the year 1844—earnestly appealing to all the Parishes not to suffer any delinquency of the kind to occur for the future.

Your Committee are aware, that the plan of assessment upon the several Parishes in proportion to the number of communicants in the Parish, rather than according to the pecuniary ability of the Parishioners to pay, is liable to objection; but when it is recollected that the Committee have no means of ascertaining the relative wealth of the several Parishes, and when it is recollected, moreover, that men are not always willing to contribute to religious and benevolent institutions according to their abilities, your Committee are persuaded that the assessment upon the several Parishes, according to their respective number of communicants, is the most eligible plan that has been suggested. Your Committee cannot forbear reiterating that which has so often been heretofore explained, to wit: That, in adopting the present mode of collecting the contingent fund, it was never intended by the Convention to be understood as a tax imposed upon the communicants as individuals; but as an assessment upon the several Parishes, which the vestries may collect in the mode which they themselves may deem most eligible, provided only, that the amount of contributions shall always correspond in number of dollars with the number of white communicants in the Parish, reported to the Con-

vention for the current year. Your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

*Resolved*, That no further effort shall be made to collect any arrears to the contingent fund that were due prior to the year 1844.

All which is respectfully submitted.

S. H. LEWIS, *Chairman*.

Report and Resolution adopted by Convention.

The accompanying resolution of the foregoing report was adopted.

(A)

*The Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Virginia in account with William H. Hubbard, Treasurer.*

1844.

Dr.

May 21.	To cash paid Bishop Johns,	per receipt, No. 1,	\$525 00
	To cash paid Bishop Meade,	" 2,	715 00
	To cash paid C. M. Smith,	" 3,	10 00
	To cash paid Rev. B. M. Miller,	" 4,	20 00
June 12.	To cash paid " "	" 5,	10 00
24.	To cash paid " " dft. favor B. B. Minor,	" 6,	200 00
July 3.	To cash paid Bishop Meade's dft. favor William H. McFarland,	" 7,	200 00
11.	To cash paid Bishop Johns', dft. favor K. Johns,	" 8,	500 00
Sept 20.	To cash paid Bishop Johns', dft. favor Bearer,	" 9,	500 00
Oct. 25.	To cash paid Rev. B. M. Miller's dft. favor Rev. A. Empie,	" 10,	73 50
	To cash paid Rev. A. Empie,	" 11,	65 90
29.	To cash paid Bishop Meade, per William H. McFarland,	" 12,	130 00
	To cash paid Rev. J. Grammer,	" 13,	62 67
	To cash paid Rev. William Sparrow's dft. favor Rev. J. Grammer,	" 14,	17 00
	To cash paid Rev. Wm. Sparrow's dft. favor Rev. J. Grammer,	" 15,	28 00
	To cash paid Rev. S. H. Lewis', dft. favor William H. McFarland,	" 16,	85 00
	To cash paid Rev. Edw. C. McGuire,	" 17,	31 70
Nov. 12.	To cash paid Bishop Johns', dft favor Mrs. Johns,	" 18,	100 00
Dec. 3.	To cash paid H. K. Ellyson,	" 19,	3 50
	To cash paid Rev. George Woodbridge's dft. favor Eli Ball,	" 20,	11 50
21	To cash paid Bishop Meade's dft. favor C. F. Lee, and Exchange,	" 21,	100 75
	To cash paid Bishop Johns' dft. favor Mrs. Johns,	" 22,	400 00
1845.			
Jan. 18.	To cash paid Bishop Meade's dft. favor Bishop Johns,	" 23,	100 00

*Amount carried forward,*

**\$3,889 52**

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>			<b>\$3,889 52</b>
Jan. 20.	To cash paid Rev. B. M. Miller, per William Williams,	24,	10 00
Feb. 7.	To cash paid P. D. Bernard,	25,	4 00
	To cash paid Bishop Johns,	26,	500 00
March 25.	To cash paid do	27,	150 00
May 19.	To cash paid sundry postages, by Treasurer, during year,		75
	Balance on hand,		17 13
			<hr/> <b>\$4,571 40</b>

*Note.*—From the above account, it would appear that Bishop Meade has received \$245 more than his salary, of \$1000. We are requested to state, that this was required for travelling expenses and postage of eighteen months, and for the printer's bill for his address to the Convention of 1844, amounting to \$40.

1844.		Cr.	
May 11.	By balance at this date as per account rendered,		<b>\$37 42</b>
	“ Amount received from Convention per sundry persons, as follows, viz :		
13.	“ Cash per letter from Rev. Allen Williams from Wickliffe Parish, as reported,		49 25
21.	“ Cash from E. S. Pegram, Treas. pro. tem., viz : cash from “ Bishop Johns' receipt,	2,929 99	525 00
	from “ Bishop Meade's receipt,		715 00
	from “ C. M. Smith's receipt,		10 00
24.	“ “ Rev. Alex. Jones, from Zion's Church, St. Andrew's Parish,		26 50
	“ “ Rev. Mr. McGuire, from South Farnham Parish, June 1,		9 6
22.	“ “ Millwood, Frederick P., Clarke co., delinquent,		7 0
29.	“ “ St. Stephen's Church, Cedar Run P. Fauquier county, delinquent,		5 0
	“ “ St. Paul's Church, King George co., delinquent ,	25 0	
Sep. 6.	“ “ Nelson Parish, Nelson co., per. Rev. Mr. Wilmer, part delinquent,		20 0
27.	“ “ Cople Parish, Westmoreland co., per Rev. William N. Ward, part delinquent,		15 0
	“ “ Farnham Parish, Richmond co., per Rev. Wm. N. Ward, part delinquent,		10 0
	“ “ Lunenburg Parish, Richmond co., per Rev. Wm. N. Ward, in full delinquent,		24 0
1845.			
Jan. 6.	“ “ Russell Parish, Bedford co., per. Rev. J. S. Marbury, in full delinquent,		33 0
23.	“ “ Trinity Church, Louisa co., per Rev. John Cook, in full delinquent,		7 0
Feb. 7.	“ “ Trinity Church, City Point, per Bishop Johns, in full delinquent,		5 0
11.	“ “ Interest on money deposited in Savings Institution,		58 1
April 16.	“ “ Centurion Church, Fort Monroe per Rev. M. L. Chevers, in full delinquent,		14 0
			<hr/> <b>\$4,571 40</b>
May 19.	By balance on hand,		<b>\$17 1</b>
	E. E.		

WILLIAM H. HUBBARD. *Treasurer.*

(B)

of money paid to the Contingent Fund from the several parishes at the  
on which assembled at Fredericksburg on Wednesday, 21st of May, 1845.

parish, <i>Culpepper</i> ,	-	-	-	\$24 00
s parish, <i>King George</i> ,	-	-	-	25 00
s parish, <i>Norfolk</i> ,	-	-	-	108 00
Church, <i>Shepherdston</i> ,	-	-	-	50 00
n parish, <i>Princess Anne</i> ,	-	-	-	39 00
nas' Church, <i>Middletown, Frederick co.</i> ,	-	-	-	20 00
irish, <i>Fauquier co.</i> ,	-	-	-	30 00
s' Church, <i>Dettengin parish, Prince William co.</i>	-	-	-	17 00
aret's, <i>Caroline co.</i> ,	-	-	-	27 35
and Ware parishes, <i>Gloucester</i> ,	-	-	-	40 00
s parish, <i>Essex</i> ,	-	-	-	30 00
le, parish, <i>Sussex</i> ,	-	-	-	13 00
i parish, <i>Cumberland</i> ,	-	-	-	39 00
i parish, <i>Fauquier</i> ,	-	-	-	44 00
's Church, <i>Lynchburg</i> ,	-	-	-	121 00
arish, <i>Halifax</i> ,	-	-	-	59 00
arnham, <i>Essex</i> ,	-	-	-	32 00
parish, <i>Halifax</i> ,	-	-	-	20 00
arish, <i>Loudon</i> ,	-	-	-	24 00
arish, <i>Williamsburg</i> ,	-	-	-	68 00
ge parish, <i>Fredericksburg</i> ,	-	-	-	150 00
s parish, <i>Hanover</i> ,	-	-	-	10 00
d's parish, <i>King William</i> ,	-	-	-	7 00
t's parish, <i>New Kent</i> ,	-	-	-	14 00
's Church at <i>Port Royal</i> ,	-	-	-	30 12
hurch, <i>Middlesex</i> ,	-	-	-	6 00
h City parish, <i>St. John's, Hampton</i> ,	-	-	-	32 00
parish, <i>St. James' Church, Loudon</i> ,	-	-	-	70 00
ut <i>Aldie</i> ,	-	-	-	5 00
hurch, <i>Frederick</i> ,	-	-	-	75 00
k parish, <i>Millwood</i> ,	-	-	-	62 00
's, <i>Petersburg</i> ,	-	-	-	240 00
hurch, <i>Norfolk</i> ,	-	-	-	352 00
hurch, <i>Petersburg</i> ,	-	-	-	27 50
parish, <i>Northhampton</i> ,	-	-	-	61 00
hens, <i>Culpepper</i> ,	-	-	-	20 00
arish, <i>Bedford</i> ,	-	-	-	89 00
hurch, <i>Portsmouth</i> ,	-	-	-	90 00
hurch, <i>Staunton</i> ,	-	-	-	73 00
nas parish, <i>Orange</i> ,	-	-	-	65 00
's, <i>Leeds parish, Prince William</i> .	-	-	-	29 00
as', <i>Southam and King William</i> ,	-	-	-	23 00
ins, <i>Brandon parish, Prince George</i> ,	-	-	-	25 00
l parish, <i>Charlotte, Roanoke Church</i> ,	-	-	-	10 00
i Church, <i>Albemarle</i> ,	-	-	-	19 00
Church, <i>Albemarle</i> ,	-	-	-	13 00
le parish,	-	-	-	31 00
arish, <i>Nelson co.</i> ,	-	-	-	34 00
hurch, <i>Norborne parish, Berkley</i> ,	-	-	-	20 00
ady in <i>Amherst co.</i> ,	-	-	-	1 00
s parish,	-	-	-	18 00

Amount carried forward,

\$2,530 97

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>				\$2,530 97
St. Andrew's parish, <i>Zion Church,</i>	-	-	-	101 50
Moore parish,	-	-	-	16 00
Camden parish, <i>Pittsylvania,</i>	-	-	-	17 25
Christ Church, <i>Alexandria,</i>	-	-	-	195 00
Monumental Church, <i>Richmond,</i>	-	-	-	287 00
Tillotson parish, <i>Buckingham,</i>	-	-	-	7 00
St. John's Church, <i>Berkley parish and Christ's Church, Spotsylvania,</i>	-	-	-	30 19
Christ Church, <i>Lancaster,</i>	-	-	-	23 00
St. Stephen's Church, <i>Cedar Run parish, Fauquier,</i>	-	-	-	14 00
Lunenburg parish, <i>Richmond co.,</i>	-	-	-	20 00
St. James', <i>Northam, Goochland, and Fluvana,</i>	-	-	-	51 00
St. Paul's Church, <i>Suffolk,</i>	-	-	-	30 00
St. John's Church, <i>Chuckatuck,</i>	-	-	-	11 00
Grace Church, <i>St. Mary's parish, Caroline,</i>	-	-	-	20 00
St. Andrew's parish, <i>Brunswick,</i>	-	-	-	10 00
St. James' parish, <i>Mecklenburg,</i>	-	-	-	66 00
Meherrin parish, <i>Greensville co.,</i>	-	-	-	12 00
Cumberland parish, <i>Lunenburg,</i>	-	-	-	40 00
Christ Church, <i>Richmond,</i>	-	-	-	106 00
St Andrew's, <i>Brunswick,</i>	-	-	-	20 00
St. Paul's, <i>Alexandria,</i>	-	-	-	163 00
St. John's, <i>Hanover parish, King George,</i>	-	-	-	11 00
Boyden parish, <i>Augusta,</i>	-	-	-	15 00
St. Matthew's Church, <i>Wheeling,</i>	-	-	-	75 00
Bottetourt parish, <i>Bottetourt and Roanoke counties,</i>	-	-	-	40 00
Newport parish and Southwark,	-	-	-	39 00
Farnham, <i>Richmond co.,</i>	-	-	-	8 60
Cople, <i>Westmoreland,</i>	-	-	-	14 50
Wickliffe parish, <i>Clark co.,</i>	-	-	-	76 00
Lexington parish, <i>Amherst,</i>	-	-	-	25 00
West Russell parish, <i>Bedford,</i>	-	-	-	50 00
Raleigh, <i>Genito and Dale parishes,</i>	-	-	-	45 00
Bloomfield parish, <i>Madison co.,</i>	-	-	-	12 50
Henrico parish, <i>St. John's Church,</i>	-	-	-	51 00
Christ's Church, <i>Charlottesville,</i>	-	-	-	66 00
Buck Mountain parish,	-	-	-	8 00
Green Spring parish, <i>St. John's Church,</i>	-	-	-	8 00
St. Martin's parish, <i>Hanover,</i>	-	-	-	70 00
Westover parish, <i>Charles City,</i>	-	-	-	29 00
Kanawha parish, <i>Kanawha co.,</i>	-	-	-	23 00
Centurion Church, <i>Fort Monroe,</i>	-	-	-	14 00
St. George parish, <i>Accomac,</i>	-	-	-	21 00
St. James' Church, <i>Richmond,</i>	-	-	-	140 00
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From St. John's Church, <i>Berkley parish,</i>	-	-	-	\$4,541 44
				2 00
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St. Stephen's Church, <i>Culpepper,</i> erroneously credited to delinquency,	-	-	-	\$4,543 44
				17 30
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				4,560 74
Received from previous delinquents. See Schedule C.	-	-	-	67 75
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				\$4,628 49
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After the above statement was made and the account closed, showing the receipts, the Secretary, by direction of the Convention, received,				
From Bath parish, <i>Dinwiddie,</i>	-	-	-	20 00
From delinquent parishes,	-	-	-	14 00
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<i>Amount brought forward,</i>								\$144 25
Norborne Parish, <i>Berkley,</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	67 00
Meherrin Parish, <i>Greenville,</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13 00
Farnham Parish, <i>Richmond co.,</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9 40
Cople Parish, <i>Westmoreland,</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5 50
Russel Parish, <i>Bedford,</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	44 00
Christ Church, <i>Smithfield,</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	35 00
St. Stephen's Church, <i>St. Mark's Parish, Culpepper,</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15 70
Trinity Church, <i>Wood county,</i>	} <i>Rev. Thomas Smith's</i> <i>Missionary</i> <i>ground,</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	24 00
Clarksburg,		-	-	-	-	-	-	7 00
Weston,		-	-	-	-	-	-	5 00
Walker's and St. Ann's Parishes, <i>Albemarle,</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17 00
St Ann's Parish, Trinity Church, <i>Shepherdston,</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12 00
St. Mark's Parish, <i>Culpepper, Rev. Mr. Woodville,</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11 00
St. George's Parish, <i>Accomac,</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9 00
								<hr/> \$418 85
Add amount received by the Secretary after the report was presented,								14 00
Amount reported,								<hr/> \$432 85

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Parishes which have made no report to this Convention.

Accomac Parish, *Accomac.*  
 Brunswick Parish, *Stafford.*  
 Brunswick Parish, *King George.*  
 Franklin Parish, *Franklin.*  
 Trinity Church, *Fredericksville.*  
 Fall's Church, *Fairfax.*  
 Haymarket, *Prince William.*  
 Manchester, *Chesterfield.*  
 St. John's Church, *City Point.*  
 Nottoway, *Nottoway.*  
 Overwharton, *Stafford.*

Petsworth, *Gloucester.*  
 St. James, *Prince William.*  
 Brooke, *St. John and Christ Churches.*  
 St. Mark's and St. John's, *Kanawha.*  
 Truro, *Fairfax.*  
 Washington, *Westmoreland.*  
 Christ Church, *Middlesex.*  
 Lexington Parish, *Amherst.*  
 St. Matthew's Church, *Wheeling.*  
 Tillotson Parish, *Buckingham.*  
 St. Andrew's Parish, *Brunswick.*

Mr. Castleman, from the Committee on Parochial Reports, offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

*Resolved,* That every Report, which is not drawn up according to the form prescribed in the Journal, shall be returned to the Rector, or Lay Delegate, for correction; and, if handed in the second time uncorrected, shall be excluded from the Journal.

Mr. Christian, from the Select Committee, to which the 12th canon was referred, made the following report.

The Committee, to whom was referred the motion to repeal the 12th canon and prepare a substitute therefor, prescribing more fully the mode of dividing old parishes and forming new ones, report, that they think such change inexpedient, and that the 12th canon remain as it is.

The Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary made the following report :

#### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY OF VIRGINIA.

Often as we have had cause to commence our reports with expressions of thankfulness for benefits received, and mutual congratulations over the cheering pro-

pect before us, never, perhaps, had we more cause than at present. The year just closed has certainly been marked by blessings from God and favors from men. For reasons which we need not here state, the attention of the Church has been recently directed, with more than ordinary interest, to the Institution under our care ; and the indications of friendly regard among those who love the truth, as it is in Jesus, have been neither few nor unimportant. The number of students is greater than at any previous period. A considerable amount has been added to the permanent fund ; and a large addition secured to the library ; at the same time the duties incumbent upon professors and students have been so discharged, as to promise the happiest results. A more detailed statement of the exercises and progress of the different classes will be found in the reports of the professors herewith presented.

The addition to the library alluded to, has been made by the widow of Bishop Griswold, who recently presented to your Board the large collection of books which had belonged to that venerable and holy man. For this munificent gift,—made, it is believed, in accordance with the views and feelings of the deceased,—they present to Mrs. Griswold their heartfelt acknowledgments, feeling most sensibly her kindness and liberality. In return, they can do nothing better than offer an earnest prayer that the favor of Him who is the husband of the widow and the father of the fatherless, may crown her days with goodness.

The efforts to obtain funds for the endowment of one or more professorships in the Seminary, and the measure of success attending them, have been stated by the Bishop and Assistant Bishop, in their reports read to this body. For their success we offer thanks first to God, who has ever been our unfailing friend, and then to the brethren and others by whom they were so kindly received. The amount pledged, and which will probably be collected, is about \$15,000. As it comes to hand, it is carefully invested for the purpose of increasing the permanent fund, the understanding, when it was solicited, being that nothing but the interest should be used. Thankful, as we doubtless are, for whatever has been thus obtained, yet it is matter of duty with us to remind you that the object contemplated by the last convention has not been fully secured. A considerable sum is still requisite for the endowment of professorships, and we earnestly call for renewed exertions among our many friends, particularly those found within the limits of our own diocese.

The Treasurer's account will show the state of the funds. The present amount of the principal is \$34,119.

Since July last the exercises of the High School have been suspended. At that time the Rev. Mr. Pendleton resigned his station as its Principal. In parting with this worthy and excellent Brother, we thought it to be not only just to him, but due to our own feelings, to enter upon record some expression of our confidence and regard. This being at that time spread before the Church, is here referred to, both for the purpose of informing you as to our proceedings, and that we may re-iterate what was then said with regard to our kindly sentiments towards him, and our sincere wishes for his happiness and prosperity.

The re-opening of this School has been with us a subject of great anxiety, and kept constantly in view. Deeming it an object of such vast importance, we are glad to believe that the attempt can now be made with a reasonable hope of success. The Rev. E. A. Dalrymple has agreed to take charge of the Institution, and pro-



poses to commence his duties during the next fall. Of his fitness for the station, we have the strongest assurances, so that we can, with great confidence, recommend the school to the Church in Virginia, and every other friend of sound Christian education. The reasons for establishing and supporting an Institution of this kind we need not state; they must strike with great force every Christian mind. And we cannot but hope that enough will be found ready and able so to aid in this good work, that the experiment may be a successful and most useful one.

All which is respectfully submitted.

The Professor of Biblical Literature would respectfully submit the following report:

The classes under his instruction have pursued the prescribed course of study in his department, and with the usual success.

The junior class have acquired the elements of the Hebrew language, by frequent perusal of the grammar and by written exercises. They have read about 23 chapters in Genesis, and 15 Psalms; rather less than usual, from the loss of more than two weeks at the opening of the session, and from more frequent reviews.

In Greek, they have read about two-thirds of the Harmony of all the Gospels. A private class, for the benefit of those who wished to review the elements of Greek, and preparatory to the study of the New Testament, was formed, and met till Christmas.

In connexion with these studies, they have read Jahns' Jewish Antiquities, Horne's Introduction to the Old Testament, and Ernesti on Interpretation, and been examined on them, two or three times a week. Something has been done in Sacred Chronology and Jewish History. More than 40 Exegetical Essays have also been written.

The middle class have read, in Hebrew, the principal Prophecies of Christ, with the commentary of Hengstenberg, and in Greek, the Epistles to the Romans, Hebrews, the First Epistle to Timothy, and are now reading the Second.

There has been, according to the resolution of the Trustees, a weekly exercise with the senior class, alternately in Hebrew and Greek. They have read the First Epistle to the Corinthians, and most of the Apocalypse in Greek, and in Hebrew, selected chapters. With one or two exceptions, the attendance on these exercises by the senior class has been good.

The Professor in this department feels the need of the influence and encouragement of his brethren in the ministry, to sustain his efforts to promote the cause of sound Biblical learning.

All which is respectfully submitted.

J. PACKARD.

As Librarian, he would farther report that but a very few books have been added to the library the past year. Some expenses have been incurred in the putting up of new shelves, &c.

The present rooms are now quite full, and will be altogether insufficient to contain the large addition soon to be made by Bishop Griswold's Library. He would leave it to the Trustees, without proposing any thing, to make such arrangements for their accommodation as may seem best to them.

REPORT OF THE PROFESSOR OF SYSTEMATIC DIVINITY.

The subscriber respectfully reports to the Trustees of the Theological Seminary, that the classes have gone through the course of instruction put in his charge, during the past year, with the usual measure of interest and success. The junior class has studied the Evidences of christianity with care; the middle class, after a thorough study of Butler's "Analogy," has been busily occupied with Biblical Theology; and the senior class has reviewed Theology in its connexion with our Protestant Episcopal standards of doctrine. The customary Text Books have been employed; and a few subjects, not discussed in them in a sufficiently extended form, have been pursued beyond the limits of these books, with a view to a more complete understanding of the principles of our Church.

Respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM SPARROW,  
*Professor of Systematic Theology.*

REPORT OF THE PROFESSOR OF CHURCH HISTORY AND CHURCH POLITY, OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF VIRGINIA, TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

The course of instruction proper to this Professorship has been followed, as usual, from the beginning of the present session. The senior class have gone through the History of the Church of England with Bishop Short's work as a Text Book, and are now reviewing it. They have studied also Ecclesiastical Polity, using Hooker's work on the subject, which was finished, in the primary course, a few weeks ago. The middle class have studied the General History of the Church, with Mosheim as a Text Book, and are now engaged in a review.

The closing of the High School, since the end of the last term, has occasioned, for the time, the discontinuance of my services there.

JAMES MAY.

*Theological Seminary, May 19th, 1845.*

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer be authorised to pay the salaries of the Bishops in advance, when the funds of the Convention shall admit of his so doing.

The Rev. Thomas Smith presented the claims of his mission to the North-Western part of the Diocese, and on his motion,

*Resolved*, That this Convention takes the liveliest interest in the success of the mission to the North-Western part of the Diocese; is deeply impressed with a sense of its peculiar destitution, and warmly commends it to the especial care of the Church.

*Resolved*, That the Secretary be authorized to have printed 1000 copies of the Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, and in the Diocese of Virginia.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention be presented to the citizens of Fredericksburg, for the hospitality and kindness extended to its members.

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer be directed to pay the expenses of the late Secretary in attending this Convention.

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer pay the door-keeper of this Convention \$

*Resolved*, That the Secretary cause to be printed, Two Thousand Copies of this Journal, for distribution among the parishes.

After the usual religious services, by Bishop Johns, the Convention then journeyed, to meet in Petersburg on the 3d Wednesday in May, 1846.

WILLIAM MEADE, *President of the Convention*

WM. M. BLACKFORD, *Secretary*.

*Note*.—On the 26th page of the Journal of 1844, an error exists as to St. John's Church over Parish. Said Church was admitted, according to the canons, in 1843, and was then sent by a Lay Delegate. The petition referred to in the Journal of 1844 prayed for a change of the bounds of Hanover Parish, and was granted by the Convention. The bounds of Hanover Parish are as follows: Beginning at the boundary line between Westmoreland and King Counties on the Rappahannock river, following said river, (excluding those portions of King George County embraced in the Parish of St. Peter's,) to Poplar Swamp, and with said line to the line of St. Paul's Parish—thence with Southward line to the dividing line of Westmoreland and King George—and thence with Southward line to the beginning.

## APPENDIX.

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### PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

*James' Church, Shelburne Parish, Leesburg, Va.—George Adie, Rector.*—Communicants, added 7, from other parishes, removed 2, died 2—total white, 69; 11—total 70; baptisms, infants, white, 10; marriages 4; funerals 4; num- families 60.

Rector continues to preach one Sunday in the month at Aldie, where there are communicants; also about once a fortnight, in the afternoon, at Belmont, Warrenton's Seminary for young ladies, where there is an interesting congrega-

, when otherwise not engaged, in other destitute places in the neighbor- hood in the afternoon.

Amount collected for the different Institutions of the Church, and benevolent societies, about three hundred dollars.

There are Sabbath Schools at each of these places, where he holds regular ser-

*Andrew's Parish, Trinity Church, Shepherdstown—C. W. Andrews, Rec- tor.*—Communicants, added 8; died 3; removed 2; present number 63; baptisms, adults 5—all infants; funerals 5; marriages 5; candidates for confirmation 2; contributions for purposes out of the Parish \$425, of which \$100 was for the loss by fire in St. Andrew's Church, Pittsburg; for purposes within the Parish \$300—total \$725.

*Leesville Parish, Rockbridge and Bottetourt Counties, Lexington—Wm. Bry- ant, Rector.*—Communicants, added 8, 3 from other Parishes; withdrawn 1; re- moved 7, (6 of whom were Students of the Military Institute, and the College)—total 1; confirmations 8; baptisms, adults 1; infants, white 3; colored 2—total 6; 1, an infant; collected for Church purposes, \$38.

*Leesman.*—Communicants, added 3, one from another Parish; died 1; with- drawn 1—total 16; baptisms, adults 1, infants 5—total 6; marriages 1; contributed for church objects, about \$14.

Having discontinued my services in Lexington, I am officiating exclusively in Leesman. In this place, a small but neat edifice is in the progress of erection, and will be completed in July next. The Congregation is steadily though slowly increasing, and a delightful harmony pervades it, giving evidence of the pre- dominance of a christian spirit, and affording a source of rejoicing to the Pastor, and of happiness to the members of his little flock.

*High, Genito and Dale Parishes, Amelia, Powhatan and Chesterfield Coun- ties—P. F. Berkeley, Rector.*—Communicants, added 11; removed 8; died 2—total 15; baptisms, infants, viz: white 7, adults 3—total 10; confirmations 7; mar- riages 1; funerals, viz: white 6; number of families 34, adults 101, infants 68; amount collected for different Institutions connected with the Church \$200.

*Walker's and St. Ann's Parish, Albemarle County—E. Boyden,* Communicants, died 2; removed 2; added 3—total 49; baptisms 3; marriages 4; funerals 4; contributions for Missionary and other benevolent purposes, about \$150—St. Ann's Parish is in a more flourishing condition than in former years.

*Report of Wm. V. Bowers, Rector of St. Martin's Parish, Hanover Co* Communicants, added 3; removed 3; died 2—total 72; baptisms, adults 6—total 7; marriages 5; confirmations 4; funerals 4; number of families 10.

Amount collected for the different Institutions connected with the Church

Contingent Fund,  
Education Society,  
Missionary Society, (general)  
Diocesan Missionary Society (by collection at Bishop Johns' visitation,)  
For the Virginia Tract Society,

Sunday Schools 2, with about 20 teachers, and upwards of 100 scholars. St. Paul's Church, near Hanover Court House, was consecrated on the 1st of June last, by Bishop Johns; and it is gratifying to report that the cost of \$2300, has been nearly paid.

*Christ Church, Norfolk, May 1845.*—Marriages 9; baptisms, infants, 18; infants, colored 4, adult, white 1—total 35; funerals 18; communicants, last year 330; died 18, removed 8; added 32, 18 from other Churches; present annual confirmations 9; contributions \$3,531 26; Sunday School about the same amount.  
UPTON BEALL, Rector.

*Elizabeth City Parish, St. John's Church, Hampton—John P. Bausman,* Communicants, added 3; removed 3; died 1; withdrawn 1—total 32; baptisms, adults 1; confirmations 3; marriages 2; funerals 4; Sunday School Sch amount collected for the different Institutions connected with the Church \$32; General Missionary Society 10; Diocesan Missionary Society 10. In addition to the above, upwards of \$350, the proceeds of a Fair, have been expended by the ladies in improving the Church.

*Littleton Parish, Cumberland County, Va.—Olcott Bulkley, Rector.*—Communicants, added 10; removed 3; died 2—total 40; baptisms, adults 5—total 9; confirmations 3; Marriages 1; funerals 4; amount contributed during the year for religious purposes \$185. The stated minister of the infant Parish, is one of encouragement. A new Church, situated on a road from Cartersville to the Court House, and about four miles from the former place, is in a course of erection. It is expected to be ready for consecration in October. The expense of building this house has been met mostly by the faithful and devoted friends of the Church.

In Grace Church, which is situated in Cambridge, we have an interesting Sunday School, in which we are glad to report, that the gentlemen as well as the ladies are much interested, and attend with a commendable zeal to their duties as scholars. Since our last annual Convention, the ladies have furnished this School with a new Library.

The attendance at this place upon Divine Worship is generally very much improved, and gradually increasing.

*St Stephen's Church, St Mark's Parish, Culpepper—John Cole, Rector* Communicants, added 1—total 53; baptisms, adults 1 white; infants 3 white; marriages 5; marriages 1; funerals 2; contributions to the Church \$37.

*St. James' Church, St. Mark's Parish, Culpepper—John Cole, Rector.*—Communicants, added 4—total 24; baptisms, infants 4 white; confirmations 5; marriages 3; funerals 1; contribution for Church purposes \$69 08.

The Rector has but little to say in relation to the condition of these Churches, more than that the prospect for usefulness has not, he believes, diminished since his last report. The attendance is uniformly good, and attention seems to be given to the word preached. Besides his regular places of preaching, he officiates on 5th Sundays, and at such other times as he can, consistently with his other engagements, at *Stevensburg*, where the attendance has been generally very good, and the attention holds out the hope, that God's truth will not be preached in vain.

*Roanoke Parish, Halifax County, Va.—Wm. T. Clark, Rector.*—Communicants, added 5, one of whom is from another Parish; withdrawn 1—total 20; baptisms, adult 1, infants 2—total 3; ready for confirmation 4; marriages 6; funerals 5; number of families 16; amount collected for Education Society \$125; Diocesan Missionary Society \$60; Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society \$75; Colonization Society \$25; Sunday School and other purposes \$35; contingent fund \$90—total \$340.

There is a flourishing Sunday School, and a very attentive and interesting Bible Class. The congregations are gradually increasing, and are always most solemn and attentive. And, although so far there have been but few additions to the communion, yet the Parish is in a far more flourishing condition than heretofore; and the Rector is very happy in the thought, that after a long and apparently void and unprofitable Ministry, he begins, now, at last, to be cheered by some evidences of usefulness, and to have a prospect of building up the Church, where heretofore it seemed useless for him to labor.

*Roanoke Church, Cornwall Parish, Charlotte County—Edmund Christian, Rector.*—Communicants, added 3; died 1—total 9; funerals 4; confirmations 2. There are four congregations in which services are performed monthly. Three Sunday Schools are now in operation, and the prospects of the Church are very encouraging.

*West Russell Parish, Bedford County, Va.—David Caldwell, Rector.*—Communicants, added 12, in part from other Cures; died 1; removed 1; number now 50; baptisms 6, one adult, and five children; funerals 6, five out of the Parish; marriages 3.

I have been in this Parish less than a year, having removed to it from Lexington Parish, Amherst county, in September last. This Parish is yet young and comparatively weak; it has, however, during the last year, built and had consecrated, a very neat Brick Church Edifice, ten miles North of Liberty; and has also another of the same sort at Liberty, which will be ready for consecration in a few weeks. Besides these two places of worship, we have also a right in a Free Church, five miles from the Court House, where we have services once a month. Our services are every where attended by large and apparently interested congregations. Prejudice is giving way, and popular feeling evidently inclining in our favor. With the blessing of God upon its services, our Church in West Russell Parish promises a rapid growth.

*Report of Centurion Church, Fort Monroe.*—Communicants, added 2; died 1; removed 1—total 14; baptisms, infants white 13, colored 1—total 14; marriages 1; funerals 10; contributions to various objects, viz: Missions \$40 50; Convention \$14; Education Society 12; Sunday School Library 27; Bible and Tract Society 3—total \$96 50.

The Sunday School is in a prosperous condition, numbering 10 Teachers, and about seventy Scholars.

As heretofore reported, a large and attentive congregation of colored persons assemble for public worship on Sunday evenings, in a spacious and convenient room provided by the Commanding Engineer.

*Augusta Parish, Trinity Church, Staunton*—T. F. Castleman, Rector.—Communicants, added whites 7, 3 of these from other Cures, colored 2—total 9 removed 1; died 3; whole number whites 73; colored 4; baptisms, adults, whites 1 colored 2—total 3; infants, whites 13—total 16; marriages 9; funerals 13; amount collected for various benevolent objects of the Church \$169 38.

The gradual increase in the numbers of the congregation—the apparently serious and devout attention to the word preached—the readiness to contribute liberally and cheerfully to the advancement of the Church, give the Rector good ground to hope that his labors will not be in vain. In addition to his regular services, he preaches every Monday night to the servants; and his heart is often cheered by the interest they manifest in these services.

During the last year a house and lot have been purchased and very handsomely improved as a Rectory, at an expense of about 3000 dollars; and plans are forming and efforts are now being made, to erect buildings for the permanent establishment of the "Virginia Female Institute." The heavy tax which these two objects have laid on the congregation, must account for the comparatively small amount contributed this year to benevolent objects of the Church.

*Norborne Parish, Berkeley County*—Churches, Mount Zion, Hedgesville; Trinity, Martinsburg; Calvary, Valley of Back Creek—James Chisholm, Rector.—Communicants, added 1; removed 6; died 5—total 85; baptisms, viz: white 13 colored 2—total 15; marriages, white 6, colored 7—total 13; funerals 11.

*Camden Parish, Pittsylvania, G. W. Dame, Rector.*—Communicants, added 13 from other Parishes; removed 6; ordained 1, [Rev. W. E. Webb]; transferred to the care of Rev. W. E. Webb 10; died 3—total (1 colored) 36; baptisms, added 6; infants 6—total 12; funerals 4; marriages 2; confirmations 15. Connections of two Churches, Epiphany and Emanuel; No. of families 19; No. of baptized children in these families, under 12 years, 24; Catechumens 16.

The Rector has paid such attention to Franklin Parish, as his health and the duties of his School would permit. That Parish, under the immediate care of a Minister, would, I think, yield a speedy and an abundant harvest.

*St. David's Parish, King William County*—E. A. Dalrymple, Rector.—Communicants, added 1—total 7; baptisms, infants white 4; marriage 1.

The situation of this Parish continues as when last reported; on the whole, very encouraging. The congregations are respectable as to numbers and interest.

*Fairfax Parish, Christ Church, Alexandria, D. C.*—Charles B. Dana, Rector.—Communicants, added 20, 10 from other Parishes or Cures; removed 14; died 1 suspended 1—total 140, fifteen of whom are colored persons; baptisms, infants white 19, colored 11—total 30; confirmations 4; marriages, white 5, colored 2 total 7; funerals 13; number of families 80; amount collected for religious and benevolent objects \$1,041 73.

The general condition of this Parish is good. The number of families belonging to the Congregation has been gradually increasing throughout the year. The services on Sunday, and during the week, have been well attended, and, it is hoped, have been productive of spiritual benefit. The size of the Congregations, and the amount of the pecuniary contributions, have been larger than in any former year since the present Rector took charge of the Parish. The Sunday School and Bible Class are in a prosperous condition; and the benevolent institutions connected with the Church have generally been well sustained.

**Parish, New Kent County—E. A. Dalrymple, Rector.**—Communicants—total 14; baptisms, white infants 3; funerals 2; marriage 1. In this Parish, appears to be daily growing in favor; the congregation increased two-fold since the last report. The venerable Church is now extensive repairs, which will be completed in the course of a few weeks. Held monthly for the servants.

**Parish, Hanover County—E. A. Dalrymple, Rector.**—Communicants—total 10; baptisms, infants white 2; funerals 1. Acts of the Church in this Parish continue to be very encouraging. Sunday School has been established, numbering about 30 pupils. Reports are held at the Church for the servants, who now are in the habit of considerable numbers.

**Church, Suffolk, and St. John's Church, Chuckatuck, Nansemond Co. H. Disbrow, Rector.**—Communicants, added 6; removed 1; died baptisms, adults 2, infants 20—total 22; confirmations 6; marriages 1; number of families 50; contributions about \$100. Last report, the Vestry of St. Paul's Church, Suffolk, have purchased the site for the erection of a new Church Edifice; the corner stone was laid during his recent visitation. The work is now progressing, and it will be ready for consecration before the close of the present year. Located once a month in the vicinity of an old Church in the low-lying Nansemond, where a considerable interest has been manifested in the Church, and several hundred dollars have been subscribed for old Church Building.

**St. Church, Orange County—J. Earnest, Rector.**—Communicants, 10 other Cures, and 1 who had withdrawn, and become a member of another congregation; removed 6; died 1—total 65; baptisms, infants 4; confirmations 3; funerals 4; contributions to various benevolent objects

**Church, Green Spring Parish, Louisa County—J. Earnest, Rector.**—Communicants, added 1—total 8; confirmation 1; marriage 1; funeral 1; amount contributed to institutions connected with the Church \$73 50.

A substantial brick Church, at the cost of about \$1800, has been erected last year, at Mechanicsville, which was consecrated by the Assistant Bishop on the first day of the present month.

**Church, Richmond—Adam Empie, Rector.**—Communicants, added 14; died 2; withdrawn 2—total 140 white, and 2 colored; baptisms, confirmations 12; marriages 3; funerals 10, of which 6 belonged to the colored; number of families about 90; adults about 245; children about 140; collections \$375; Sunday School Children \$80. A new School for colored children and adults, bond and free, has just been opened. Rector, on last Lord's day, with 120 pupils.

**Southam and King William Parishes, Powhatan—Andrew Fisher, Rector.**—In charge of these Parishes in November last. From the Parish of Southam, made a report for the year. Communicants, added 7, 4 of which were Cures; removed 2—total 28; confirmations 7; marriage 1; funerals 1; number of families 28. Amount contributed to the different institutions connected with the Church \$50. This is a small amount; but, in addition, a new Church, valued at \$1500, has, with some assistance from abroad, been paid for. A new Church has also been purchased, repaired and furnished, at a cost of \$700, and has been subscribed for the erection of another Church.



*St. Peter's Church, Port Royal, and Grace Church, St. Mary's Parish, Caroline County—William Friend, Rector.*—Communicants, added 5; died 2; removed 6—total 50; baptisms 5; funerals 13; marriages 5; contributions for purposes connected with the Church \$150.

The Rector has nothing of interest to communicate beyond the statistics of the Churches under his care. He would further report, that he officiates once a month at Concord Academy, in Caroline County, where he has an attentive and interesting congregation of Students, and where he hopes, by the Divine blessing, to accomplish much good.

*St. John's Church, Hanover Parish, King George County.*—Communicants, 11 baptisms 3; marriages 1. The congregation in this Church is increasing, and the Rector has much to encourage him in his labors among them.

GALVESTON, April 4th, 1845.

*Rt. Rev. and Dear Sir:*

Having been absent much of the past year, my report in regard to my Parish must, of necessity, be not as full or interesting as I could wish.

I had been home but one Sunday when Bishop Freeman paid me a visit. The good seed, before sown, had, I trust, been springing up during my absence, and through God's blessing I hope may yet bring forth fruit unto perfection. Nine came forward to receive the holy rite of confirmation.

During my absence, two of my communicants died. My present number is thirty-five. After my last report, and previous to my leaving for the United States, there were several baptisms; but being now absent from home, and consequently not able to refer to my record, I cannot tell how many. As yet, we have no place in which to meet, though we hope soon to have a temporary room. We expect also, in a short time, to commence a small Church Edifice—what may be our success in completing it, God only knows. During my long and tedious journey for collecting funds to aid in this matter, I secured only twelve hundred dollars in hand. I have promises for something like six hundred more; but I am told by those who have had more experience in such matters than myself, that these promises are like bankrupt debts—that there is no hope of collecting them. Yet I hope God will put it into the hearts of those who have promised to aid us, not to forge us in our time of need. Could our brethren at home know our wants, so as to feel their reality, and at the same time, reflect how they would advance the Redeemer's Kingdom, by bestowing of their abundance, and according to their ability, they would not leave us long to suffer for a place in which to meet to worship God. It is discouraging and disheartening, after contending with all the difficulties attendant upon a station in this new country, and our unsettled state of affairs to find so little feeling among those to whom our wants have been made known. But I have this consolation. I have tried to do my duty. If, at the last, it should appear that the cause of Christ has suffered in this place, through the indifference or the supineness of Christians, who have known our wants, but refused to supply them, I pray God the sin may not be laid to my charge.

Let me have an interest in your prayers; and, as soon as convenient, let me hear from you.

Very truly, your Son in the Ministry of Jesus,

CHARLES GILLETT.

RT. REV. WM. MEADE.

*Antrim Parish, Halifax County, Virginia, John Grammer, Rector.*—Communicants, white, added 12; removed 7; withdrawn 1—total 59; colored, added 6; suspended one; died one—total 15; baptisms, white adults 2; infants 10; colored adults 1—total 13; confirmations, white 20; colored 15—total 35; marriages

white 1; colored 2—total 3; funerals, white 2; colored 6—total 8; amount of contributions to the different institutions connected with the Protestant Episcopal Church, which passed through the Rector's hands, viz :

Domestic Missions,	-	-	-	-	2 00
Foreign Missions,	-	-	-	-	63 50
Diocesan Missions,	-	-	-	-	88 00
Education Society,	-	-	-	-	127 56
Theological Seminary,	-	-	-	-	60 00
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In addition, there has been contributed to the Bible Society,					87 50
Colonization Society,	-	-	-	-	120 00
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*Grace Church, Petersburg*—C. J. Gibson, Rector.—Communicants, added 12; one returned; 2 from other Churches; removed one; suspended 2—total 49; baptisms, adults 6; infants 43, viz : white 33, colored 10—total 49; confirmations 8; marriages 20; white 19, colored 1; funerals 31. The Sunday School—number of Teachers 25, and about 100 Scholars, who contribute annually \$20 to the African Mission.

I continue also to preach at Dinwiddie Court House, once a month, where our Church numbers 10 communicants, 3 having been added the last year.

*Nelson Parish, Nelson County*—F. D. Goodwin, Rector.—Communicants, removed 3; died 2—total 36, including 2 colored; baptisms, 3 infants; confirmed 1; funerals 5; contributions to the Virginia Bible Society \$25; General Missionary Society \$26; to Domestic Department \$50; to Diocesan Missionary and Tract Society \$25; Education Society \$50; American Colonization Society \$15; for building a Church at Parkersburg \$10—total \$201.

The Church, which was mentioned last year as in progress of building at New Market, is now finished, and ready for consecration. The old Church, (Callaway's), is being removed to a place near the Parsonage, and will be devoted to the use of the servants. This will also be ready for consecration in a few weeks.

*Norborne Parish, Berkley*—Wm. H. Good, Rector.—Communicants, 12; colored 1; baptisms 1; amount contributed to the Convention or Bishop's Fund \$20. The Church at Smithfield numbers 7 communicants.

*Bruton parish, Williamsburg*—W. Hodges, Rector.—Communicants, added 20, (3 by removals into the parish and 2 from other denominations of Christians,) removed 6, died 3, transferred 1—total 70; whites 68, colored 2; Baptisms, white infants 19; colored infants 7; adults 8—total 34; marriages, white 3, colored 5—total 8; funerals, white 12, colored number unknown. Contributions to objects out of the parish, \$283.

There are two Sunday schools in the parish, one for white, and the other for colored children. Professor Minnigerode, of William and Mary College, has charge of the latter, which numbers over one hundred attendants. One candidate for orders.

The Rector still holds services every Sabbath afternoon for a colored congregation, which is large and attentive.

*Trinity Church, Meade parish, and Emanuel Church, Shelburn parish*.—Wm. M. Jackson, Rector.—Baptisms 8; funerals 3; marriages 1; communicants, added 2; removed 3, leaving the present number 31; number of families 30.

The Rector took charge of this parish in the month of August last, and report will show, found it in its infancy and, from a variety of circumstances languishing condition. Since that time 3 Sunday schools, (2 for the connected with the parish, have been revived, and are now in successful operation; the Catechetical instruction of the children has been renewed, and Bible formed.

*Zion Church, St. Andrew's parish, Jefferson county.*—Alexander Jones, Rector.—Communicants, added 9, removed 4, died 3—total 105; baptisms white 22, colored 17; marriages 6; funerals 11; number of families 84. Amount collected for different institutions of the Church \$326 27.

*Frederick parish, Clarke county.*—W. G. H. Jones, Rector.—Communicants added 7, removed 4, died 1, transferred 2—total 62; baptisms, children 3; Funerals, children 4; families 35. Contributions to benevolent objects.

Missions, Foreign and Domestic,	-	-	-
Education Society,	-	-	-
Colonization Society,	-	-	-
Bible Society,	-	-	-

*St. Paul's Church, Alexandria.*—J. T. Johnston, Rector.—Communicants added 15, (6 from other cures and denominations,) died 9, removed 19—total 101; baptisms, adults 1 white, infants 18 white, colored 8—total 27; confirmations none, owing to the absence of the Bishop; Marriages 6; Funerals 19; school, superintendent 1, teachers 24, scholars 175. Amount collected for religious and benevolent purposes \$824 07.

*St. Paul's Church, Lynchburg.*—William H. Kinkle, Rector.—Communicants added 21, died 3, removed 5—total 126, of whom 3 are colored; baptisms 4, infants 19—total 23, all white; confirmations 14; candidate for ordination 13; funerals 13. Contributions about \$600.

*Nansemond county, May 16th, 1845.*—In compliance with the 35th canon with report that I have, when my health would permit, officiated for the Disbrow, in this county; baptisms, white infants 2, colored 3—total—5; funerals 2. J. KEE.

*St. Stephen's Church, Fauquier county, Va.*—Wm. F. Lockwood, Rector.—Communicants, added 6—total 14; baptisms, adults 3, infants 11, colored 2—total 16.

A Sunday School has just been organized, hence there are, at present, children that attend.

I have also had charge, for the past year, of the Episcopal congregation, Fairfax county, Va., during which time the congregation has increased, and much interest has been manifested, and still exists for the religion and the prosperity of the church.

A few individuals have succeeded, with some assistance from abroad, in the erection of a neat church edifice, which I am in hopes will be consecrated some time this summer.

Communicants added 6, removed 2—total 14; baptisms, adults 2, infants 7; confirmations 6.

*Westover parish, Charles City county.*—W. T. Leavell, Rector.—Communicants, added 4, died 1—total 29; baptisms, infants, white 8, colored 53—total 61; funerals, 3 white and 9 colored—total 12; marriage, 1 colored. Amount

tributed towards the support of different institutions connected with the church \$80.

The Rector would remark, that the parish is in a more prosperous condition, in every respect, than when last reported to the Convention. Of the large number of colored children reported as baptised during the past year, about 40 are members of one household. They were instructed in the doctrines and duties of Christianity, by the mistress of the family, who, at the request of their parents, presented them for this Holy Sacrament, and appeared as their sponsor.

*Cumberland parish, Lunenburg county.*—Thomas E. Locke, Rector.—Communicants, added 11, four from other cures, died 2—total 64; baptisms, infants, white 4, infants, colored 3—total 7; confirmations 13; marriages 3; funerals 4. Amount collected for the benevolent institutions of the church, viz: for Missions, Domestic and Foreign, \$32 50; Diocesan Missions \$30 50; for Education Society \$46—total \$109.

*Hamilton parish, Fauquier.*—George Lemmon, Rector.—Communicants, 1, removed 1, deceased 7, added 5 from other parishes—whole number 44; baptisms 3; marriages 3; funerals 3.

The congregation has never been so uniformly large as within the last six months, apparently more interested in the services of the Church. The Sunday School is well attended, and has been, it is hoped, and promises to be, an instrument of much good. Contributions to benevolent and pious uses connected with the church, about \$560.

A fine toned organ, purchased by the ladies in the parish, has been erected in the church.

*Virginia Female Institute.*—This is an incorporated Institution. 50 young ladies have been members of it during the year; 3 have joined the communion of the Episcopal Church in Staunton. The Holy Scriptures are daily read in the institute and the young ladies attend a weekly Bible recitation. \$6,000 of the capital stock have been subscribed, and measures are being taken to erect a commodious and suitable building for the Institute. The members and friends of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in Western Virginia, look with interest to this Institute and confidently hope that it will, under God, be a means of extending our beloved Zion and promoting in our Diocese a sound and thoroughly evangelical female education.

JAMES McELROY, *Principal.*

*Boyden Chapel, Augusta county.*—James McElroy, Rector. Communicants, added 3, removed 3—total 15; baptisms, adults, colored 1, infants 14, viz: white 1, colored 6—total 15; marriages 1; number of families 12, adults 35, infants 20. Amount collected for the different institutions connected with the church \$42.

A monthly service has been held at Boyden Chapel for the neighboring colored population with very encouraging prospects of success. The Rector has also preached at three other places. At Port Republic the attendance is always large. Here he found 11 communicants. One has died and one removed to another cure, and two have been added. With the coöperation of Rev. Mr. Castleman, he hopes to be able to sustain at this interesting point a monthly service.

*St. Ann's and South Farnham parishes, Essex county.*—J. P. McGuire, Rector.—Communicants, added 2, removed 2—total 30; baptisms, adult, white 1, infants, white 5, colored 1—total 7; Funerals 4: South Farnham communicants, removed 1—total 32; baptisms, infants 7; marriages 1; funerals 6. Amount collected for different institutions connected with the church \$206 50.

Since the last Convention the Rev. H. W. L. Temple has been elected assistant Rector of South Farnham parish. His attention has been, in a great measure, turned to the colored population.

*St. James' parish, Mecklenburg county.*—F. H. McGuire, Rector.—Communicants, added 6, removed 7—total 65; baptisms, infants, white 7; confirmations 5; marriages 7; funerals 5. Amount contributed to the benevolent institutions of the church \$94 75.

The handsome church edifice, reported at the last Convention as being erected in this parish, is now finished.

*St. George's Church, Fredericksburg.*—E. C. McGuire, Rector.—Communicants, added 8, in part from other cures, died 2, removed 1—total 155; baptisms, adult 1, infants 11—total 12; marriages 10; funerals 12, of which seven only belonged to the parish; Sunday schools 3, scholars 250, superintendents 3, teachers 30, libraries 2. Contributions to religious and benevolent objects \$800.

*Meherrin parish, Greenville county.*—E. B. McGuire, Missionary.—Communicants, removed 2, died 2—total 25; baptisms, infants, white 3, colored 1—total 4; funerals 2.

The condition of this parish is much the same as when last reported. The new church then mentioned as in progress of erection, has been completed and consecrated.

The efforts heretofore made to advance the spiritual welfare of the colored population are still continued. The amount contributed for various religious and benevolent objects is \$29.

*Russell parish, Bedford county.*—J. S. Marbury, Rector. Communicants, added 15, Removed 8, died 2; present number 113; baptisms, adults 2, infants 13—total 15; confirmations 21; marriages 4; Funerals 5. Amount collected, &c., about \$120. One new church consecrated.

*Abingdon and Ware Parishes, Gloucester County.*—Communicants, removed from other Churches, 2; transferred to other Churches, 4—total 40; baptisms, infants, white 4; black 2—total 6; marriages 3; funerals 3. Collected for institutions in the Church \$120.

CHAS. MANN, Rector.

*Christ Church, Charlottesville, R. K. Meade, Rector.*—Communicants, added 3, removed 6, died 3—total 66; baptisms, adults, white 1; infants, white 14—total 15; marriages 4; funerals 5. Amount collected for charitable purposes \$375.

*St. John's Church, Richmond, Henrico Parish, J. Horace Morrison, Rector.*—Communicants, added 12; removed 3—total 51; baptisms, 2 adults and 5 infants confirmations 5; marriages 4; funerals 3; number of families about 31.

The collections during the past year have been for the Seminary \$45; for missions \$33 50; communion alms \$ 52, Bishop's and contingent fund \$51.

In addition to the above, about \$540 have been expended in repairing and improving the Church edifice.

The Rector feels encouraged by the degree of success which God has bestowed on his labors in his present charge. Cut off as his Church is from the populous part of the city, a rapid increase of the congregation cannot be expected. Looking over the number of families, however, he finds that about one fourth of them have been added during his connexion with the congregation, which commenced a little more than two years ago. The number of communicants has, during the same period, increased from 31 to 51, and the hope is entertained that there has been a corresponding increase in holiness.

*Monumental Church, Richmond—Rev. Wm. Norwood, Rector.*—Communicants added 26, removed 28, died 6—total 287; baptisms, adults 1, infants 26—total 27 confirmations 10; marriages 7; funerals 17. Amount collected for various benevolent and missionary purposes \$1,742 98.

The new church which this congregation have been engaged in erecting is nearly completed, and will be ready for consecration early in the fall.

*Leeds Parish, Fauquier*—W. H. Pendleton, Rector.—Communicants, added 1—total 30; baptisms, infants 7; marriages 2; funerals 1; number of families 13. Amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church \$103.

The Rector took charge of this Parish on the first of August last. His report, therefore, only includes the period intervening between that date and the present.

*Christ Church Parish, Lancaster county, Va.*—John B. Richmond, Rector.—Communicants, died 2—total 31; marriages 2; funerals 4. Amount contributed by the congregation for the Education Society \$50.

Amount contributed by the Ladies Society for the same \$39.

No material change has taken place in this parish since the last report.

*Christ Church, Winchester, and St. Thomas' Church, Middletown, Frederick Parish*—W. Y. Rooker, Rector.—Number of communicants last reported 95, since added 19, (8 from other cures;) died 2; removed 6,—total 106; baptisms, adults 2; children 11; marriages 2; burials 5.

Attached to the Sunday School 98 children, 16 teachers, 1 superintendent, 1 assistant superintendent. Contributions to benevolent objects \$295.

The spiritual condition of the parish is good, and the prospect of the Church encouraging.

*Trinity Parish, Wood county*—Thomas Smith, Missionary.—Communicants, added 8, (3 from other cures,) died 1; removed 1—total 24; baptisms 7; marriages 4.

*Clarksburg*.—Communicants 7.

*Weston*.—Communicants 5.

*Christ Church, Smithfield, Newport Parish*.—Jonathan B. T. Smith, Rector.—Communicants, added 6, removed 5, died 1—total 39; white 35; colored 4; baptisms, infants, white 6; colored 1—total 7; confirmations 6; marriages 1; funerals 1. Contributions \$35.

*Southwark Parish, Surry county*—Jonathan B. T. Smith, Rector.—Communicants, added 3, 2 from another parish, died 1—total 8; marriages 1; funerals 3.

The Rector is enabled to devote but a small portion of his time to this Parish, but from the increasing attendance on the services of the Church, is encouraged to hope that it is gaining in the affections of the people, and that his labors will not be unavailing.

*Report of St. George's Parish, Accomac county*.—Communicants, added 3; removed 5, died 3—total 30; baptisms, adults, white 1; infants white 4; infants colored 1—total 6; confirmations 3.

EDWARD S. SNEAD, Warden.

*St Paul's Church, Bristol Parish, Petersburg*—Philip Slaughter, Rector.—Communicants, added 26, removed 15, died 3, suspended 3—total 240; baptisms, white, infants 22, confirmations 8; marriages 7; funerals 8. Amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church \$2,000.

A new Chapel has been erected by the congregation of St. Paul's, which was consecrated by Bishop Meade on the 6th inst., who also administered the right of confirmation to three persons in the same. Regular services have been performed in the new Chapel, by the Rev. Mr. Gibson and myself.

*St. Martin's, Brandon Parish, Prince George county*—A. S. Smith Rector.—Communicants, added 6, 2 from another cure, removed 3, 1 to Rome; the result,

not of the Rector's teaching, but of an education in a Romish Seminary—total 25; baptisms, adults 1; infants 14—all white; confirmations 4; marriages 2; funerals, white 9; number of families 24; adults 50; infants 52.

The Rector would barely add, that the Church in this parish, though it has to encounter the deep-rooted prejudices of many, is yet growing, he trusts, in the confidence and affections of the people; and that his congregations, though not large, are yet encouraging, and gradually increasing.

*Lynnhaven Parish, Princess Anne county*—Leonidas S. Smith, Rector.—Baptisms 1; confirmations 2; marriages 1; communicants 30. Contributions \$39.

This parish has been without a resident pastor for upwards of two years. And it has been only six months since I have commenced officiating for them on the Sabbath. The congregation is small, but very attentive; and the appearance of things is such as to encourage the belief that a resident minister might be very successful in reviving the Church and establishing it on a permanent basis.

*Report of H. W. L. Temple, Assistant Rector of South Farnham Parish, Essex.*—To this office he was elected in January last, and has since been engaged in the discharge of the duties thereof. From the last Convention up to that time, his duties were pretty much the same as when last reported, preaching to and otherwise instructing the colored persons of his neighborhood.

Since the time of his accepting the assistant rectorship of South Farnham parish, he has preached less frequently to the servants, but more regularly in the Churches of said parish.

He has preached regularly once a month at Acquinton Church, King William.

He has under his charge a Bible Class, which promises to do good.

He trusts good has been done by the religious instruction imparted to the colored people from time to time, particularly the young.

*St. Paul's Church, Leeds Parish, Prince William county*—Jno. Towles, Rector.—2 marriages; 2 funerals.

*St. James' Church, Dettlengen Parish, Prince William county*—John Towles, Rector.—I have to report from this parish 3 baptisms, infants; 2 marriages and 3 funerals. I have performed a few services at old Aquia Church, Overwharton Parish, Stafford county, and have received one addition to the communion, and administered 1 baptism, infant.

*Moore parish, Campbell county.*—Samuel D. Tompkins, Rector.—Communicants, added 1, (colored,)—total 17; baptisms, infants 3 white, 12 colored, adult, (colored,) 1—total 16; funerals 2; marriages, 2 white, 2 colored; confirmations 3; number of families 11; infants 28.

The Rector would state, that, besides catechising the children, he has preached to and catechised regularly on Sunday afternoon the colored people, and has, at present, a class of 20 who can recite the catechism. The prospect for doing good among them is promising.

*Hungar's parish, Northampton county.*—J. Ufford, Rector.—Communicants, added 3, died 1—total 61; baptisms, adults, white 1; infants, white 9, colored 5—total 15; confirmations 7; marriages 3; number of families 50.

*Lunenburg Parish, Richmond county*—Wm. N. Ward, Rector.—Communicants, added 1, died 2—total 20; baptism, 1 adult, (colored;) marriage 1; funerals 7.

*Farnham parish, Richmond county*—Wm. N. Ward, Rector.—Communicants, removed 1—total 18; baptisms, 2 infants; marriages 2; funerals 2.

*Cople parish, Westmoreland county*—Wm. N. Ward, Rector.—Communicants 20; marriages 3.

**St. James' Church, Northern Parish, Fluvanna and Goochland counties—J. P. B. Wilmer, Rector.**—Communicants, added 6, died 1—total colored 2; white 51—total 53; baptisms, infants white 3; colored 9; adult white 1—total 13; funerals 2; number of families 17.

Divine Service has been held monthly, during the past year, in the venerable Church at Beaver Dam, where there is good encouragement to hope they will in time be able to support a minister.

**Potuck Point, Henry and Patrick counties—Wm. N. Webb, Rector.**—Communicants, added 4—total 13; baptisms, adults 3 white; infants 5 white; 7 colored—total 15; marriages 3; funerals 2.

**Trinity Church, Portsmouth Parish, Norfolk county—J. H. Wingfield, Rector.**—Communicants, added 7, removed 10, died 2—total 92; baptisms, infants white 19; colored 11—total 30; confirmations 4; marriages, white 7; colored 1—total 8; funerals, white 8; colored 5—total 13; number of families 68. Amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church \$206.

**St. Paul's Church, Norfolk—B. M. Miller, Rector.**—Baptisms, adults 2; children white 9; colored 1—total 12; confirmations 3; marriages 3; funerals 6; communicants, added 4; removed 6—total 108. Amount of contributions to various objects, including communion alms, about \$400.

Sunday School more flourishing than at any former period.

**Christ Church, Richmond—Geo. Woodbridge, Rector.**—Communicants, added 4, removed 9, suspended 1—total 108, of whom two are colored; baptisms, 11 infants; funerals 8; marriages 6. Contributions to the African mission, \$15 55; to foreign missions \$9; to missions in Texas \$25; to missions in Alabama \$45; to Theological Seminary \$75 16; to various benevolent purposes \$190; Convention Fund \$106—total \$462 71.

**Botetourt Parish, Botetourt and Roanoke counties—Geo. T. Wilmer, Rector.**—Communicants, added 2, removed 3, died 1—total white 40; colored 1—total 41; baptisms, infants white 1; funerals 1. Amount contributed to the Church, \$125.

**Albemarle Parish, Sussex—Edmund Withers, Rector, and Missionary in Southampton.**—Baptisms, adults 7, infants 9—total 16; communicants, added 2, removed 2—total 12; confirmations 3; funerals 5.

Collected for Education Society,	-	-	-	\$20 00
Do Missionary Society,	-	-	-	5 00
Do Contingent Fund,	-	-	-	12 00
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During the past year I have officiated, as previously, at Jerusalem and Berlin, Southampton, and at Sussex Court House. The 5th Sundays have been devoted to destitute places around me, by way of establishing outposts for future services. A portion of my time has been devoted to instructing the colored population. My congregations have been generally good. Interest in the Church has been steadily increasing, and the prospects for usefulness are encouraging.

**Report of John W. Woodville, Minister of St. Mark's Parish, Culpepper county.**—During the last year I have baptized, infants 4; marriages solemnized 2. The present number of communicants is 11, but there is an increasing interest on the all important subject of religion pervading the several congregations, and I am led to believe that some are asking in sincerity and truth, "what they must do to be saved."



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# ABSTRACT OF PAROCHIAL REPORT —(CONTINUED.)

## PARISHES AND CHURCHES.

PARISHES AND CHURCHES.	COMMUNICANTS.				BAPTISMS.				Contributions.				
	Added.		Removed.	Suspended.	Died.	White.		Total.					
	White.	Colored.				Adults.	Infants.						
							Adults.	Infants.		Adults.	Infants.	Funerals.	No Families.
St. John's Church, Richmond,	12		3		51	2	5	7	5	4	3	31	181 50
St. John's Church, and Christ Church, Spottsylvania, } and St. Margaret's Church, Caroline,													
St. James' Parish, Mecklenburg,		2	1		73	1	7	10	7	2	8		61 71
St. John's Church, King George,	6		7		65		7	7	5	7	5		94 75
Leed's Parish, Fauquier,					11		7	3	3	1	1		16 00
Littleton Parish, Cumberland,					31		7	7	3	2	1	13	103 00
Leed's Parish, Prince William,	10		3		39	4	5	9	3	1	4		185 00
Dettingen Parish, Prince William, } Lynnhaven Parish, Princess Ann,													
Lunenburg Parish, Richmond co., }					30		3	3	2	2	3		39 00
North Farnham Parish, Richmond co., }	1				20		1	1	2	1	7		
Cople Parish, Westmoreland,			1		18		2	2	2	2	2		
Meherin Parish, Greensville,					20								
Monumental Church, Richmond,	26		2		25		3	4	10	7	17		29 00
St. Mark's Parish, Culpepper,			28		6	1	26	27	4	2			1,742 38
Moore Parish, Campbell,		1			11		4	4	2				
St. Martin's Parish, Hanover,	3		3		17	3	6	12	3	4	2	11	230 00
Northam Parish, Fuvanna,	6				72	1	6	7	4	5	4	45	
Newport Parish, Smithfield,	6		5		1	1	3	9	6	1	2	17	35 00
Norborne Parish, Berkley,			6		39		13	1	7				
Nelson Parish, Nelson,	1		3		85		16	2	15	13	11		201 00
Norborne Parish, Christ Church, Berkley, }					2		36	3	3	1	5		20 00
Smithfield,					13		9	9	9	1	1		20 00
Patrick Parish, Henry co., }	4				7								
Portsmouth Parish, Portsmouth,	7		10		13	3	5	7	15	3	2	68	206 00
St. Paul's Church, Lynceburg,	21		5		92	4	19	11	30	4	13		600 00
St. Paul's Church, Norfolk,	4		6		121	2	9	1	23	14	13	3	400 00

# ABSTRACT OF PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

## PARISHES AND CHURCHES.

PARISHES AND CHURCHES.	COMMUNICANTS.				BAPTISMS.				Confirmations.	Marriages.	Funerals.	No. of Families.	Contributions.
	Added.	Removed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total.	White.		Colored.					
						Adults.	Infants.						
Abington and Ware Parishes, Gloucester county,	2	4	1	1	40	2	4	2	6	3	3		\$120 00
Antrim Parish, Halifax,	12	7	1	3	74	2	10	1	13	3	8		548 56
Augusta Parish, Trinity Church, Staunton,	7	2	1	3	77	13	13	2	16	9	13		169 38
Allemande Parish, Sussex and Southampton,	2	2	2	2	12	7	9		16	3	5		37 00
St. Andrew's Parish, Shepherdsdown,	-	-	-	-	62	-	9	-	14	5	5		425 00
Bristol Parish, Petersburg,	26	15	3	3	240	22	9	-	22	8	7		2,000 00
Bruton Parish, Williamsburg,	20	7	7	3	70	19	19	8	34	8	12		983 00
Botetourt Parish, Botetourt,	2	3	3	1	41	1	1	-	1	1	1		125 00
Boyd Chapel, Augusta,	3	3	1	1	15	8	8	1	15	1	-	12	42 00
Bath Parish, Dinwiddie,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24	25 00
Brandon Parish, Prince George,	6	8	-	1	25	1	14	-	15	4	2	9	96 50
Centurion Church, Fort Monroe,	2	-	-	1	14	13	1	14	1	1	10	-	109 60
Cumberland Parish, Lunenburg,	11	-	-	2	64	4	4	3	7	13	3	4	-
Camden Parish, Pittsylvania,	13	17	-	3	36	6	6	11	12	15	2	4	-
Christ Church, Richmond,	4	9	1	1	108	-	11	-	11	9	6	8	462 71
Christ Church, Lancaster,	-	-	-	2	31	-	-	-	4	35	9	18	89 00
Christ Church, Norfolk,	18	8	-	3	352	1	30	-	4	15	4	5	3,531 26
Christ Church, Charlottesville,	2	6	3	3	66	1	14	-	15	4	4	-	375 00
St. David's Parish, King William,	1	3	1	1	32	1	4	-	3	3	2	4	72 00
Elizabeth City Parish, and St. John's Church, Hampton,	3	3	1	1	32	1	7	-	4	1	1	-	-
South Farnham Parish, Essex, }	2	1	2	-	30	1	5	-	1	7	6	-	-
St. Ann's Parish, Essex, }	19	6	-	2	106	2	11	-	13	2	5	-	206 50
Frederick Parish, Winchester,	30	14	1	5	140	19	19	-	30	4	7	13	295 00
Fairfax Parish, Christ Church, Alexandria,	7	6	1	1	62	7	7	-	11	30	4	3	1,041 73
Frederick Parish, Clarke,	12	1	2	-	49	6	33	-	7	3	4	35	281 40
Grace Church, Petersburg,	3	1	-	-	10	-	-	-	10	49	20	31	20 00
Dinwiddie Court House, Petersburg, }	8	3	1	2	155	1	11	-	12	10	12	-	800 00
St. George's Church, Frederickburg,	3	5	-	3	30	1	4	-	1	6	2	-	-
St. George's Parish, Accomac co., }	3	1	1	1	41	1	9	-	5	3	3	50	-
Hungar's Parish, Northampton,	7	1	-	1	64	1	1	-	3	3	3	-	-
Hamilton Parish, Fauquier,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
St. James' Church, Richmond,	14	16	2	2	142	13	13	-	12	12	3	10	455 00

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## FORM OF PAROCHIAL REPORT.

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Report of
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*Communicants: added ; removed*  
*died ; suspended : total .*

*Baptisms: adults ; viz. white*  
*colored ; infants ; viz. white*  
*colored : total .*

*Confirmations*

*Marriages*

*Funerals*

*Number of families , adults , infants*

*Amount collected for the different institution*  
*connected with the church, \$*

*(Remarks to be added by the Rector.)*

**NOTE.**—The Clergy are respectfully requested to frame their Parochial Re-  
 in strict conformity with the above ; the time and labor required in framing  
 abstract, and the importance of furnishing the appropriate committee with a  
 ment as speedily as possible after the opening of the Convention, renders  
 request necessary. The Clergy are further requested, when not attending the  
 vention, to transmit their reports to the *Secretary*, otherwise he cannot be an-  
 able for their omission in the Journal.

**WM. M. BLACKFORD,**

*Secretary of Convention, Fredericksburg*

# A LIST

## THE CLERGY OF THE DIOCESE OF VIRGINIA,

WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE

### PARISHES AND POST OFFICES.

clergy who have recently entered the Diocese, or removed from one part to another, when they present their Parochial Reports to the Convention, to send in also the ir respective Post Offices, if they expect them to be inserted in the following list.

#### CLERGY.

. Meade, D. D.  
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Wm. V.  
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Wm.  
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ev. T. T.  
v. D.  
. M. L.  
v. James  
ohn T.  
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John  
. M.  
v. Edmund  
J. W.  
. B.  
v. James  
ev. E. A.  
. C. H.  
Joseph  
Rev. A.  
Wm.  
Andrew  
v. F. D.  
v. James  
v. John  
C. J.  
Charles  
. Richardson  
V. H.  
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William  
v. Edmund W.  
. W. M.  
. W. G.  
v. James T.  
ev. Alexander  
W. G. H.

#### PARISHES OR CHURCHES.

Shelburne parish,  
Trinity church,  
St. Matthew's church,  
Christ church,  
Lyttleton parish,  
Raleigh and Dale parishes,  
St. Martin's parish,  
St. Ann's and Walker's parishes,  
Woodville parish,  
Bath parish,  
Trinity church,  
West Russel parish,  
Centurion church,  
Norborne parish,  
Roanoke parish,  
St. Stephen's church,  
Officiating in Louisa,  
Cornwall parish,  
Camden and Patrick parishes,  
Christ Church,  
St. Paul's parish,  
St. Paul's church,  
St. Thomas' church,  
St. James' church,  
St. Peter's and Grace churches,  
Southam parish,  
Nelson parish,  
Missionary,  
Antrim parish,  
Grace church,  
Missionary,  
Missionary,  
Norborne parish, Berkly,  
Missionary,  
Bruton parish,  
Missionary,  
Trinity, Meade parish,  
Chaplain United States Navy,  
St. Paul's church,  
St. Andrew's parish,  
Frederick parish,

#### POST OFFICES.

Millwood, Clarke county.  
Richmond.  
Leesburg, Loudon.  
Shepherdstown, Jefferson.  
Wheeling, Ohio county.  
Norfolk.  
Ca Ira, Cumberland.  
Chesterfield Court House.  
New Amsterdam, Hanover.  
Everettsville, Albemarle.  
Lexington, Rockbridge.  
Dinwiddie Court House.  
Staunton, Augusta.  
Liberty, Bedford county.  
Old Point Comfort.  
Hedgesville, Berkley county.  
Mt. Laurel, Halifax.  
Culpepper Court House.  
New Amsterdam, Hanover.  
Lynchburg.  
Charlotte Court House.  
Danville, Pittsylvania co.  
Alexandria, D. C.  
Lynchburg.  
Old Church P. O., Hanover.  
Suffolk, Nansemond.  
Orange Court House.  
Richmond.  
Port Royal, Caroline.  
Sublett's Tavern, Powhatan.  
Tye River Wa'house, Nelson.  
Point Pleasant, Mason.  
Halifax Court House.  
Petersburg.  
Houston, Texas.  
China.  
Middleway, Jefferson co.  
Athens, Greece.  
Williamsburg.  
Africa.  
Upperville, Fauquier county.  
Alexandria, D. C.  
Charlestown, Jefferson co.  
Millwood, Clarke county.

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Keeling, Rev. Jacob  
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 Lemmon, Rev. George  
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 Lockwood, Rev. William F.  
 Mann, Rev. Charles  
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 May, D.D., Rev. James  
 Meade, Rev. R. K.  
 Morrison, Rev. J. H.  
 McElroy, Rev. J.  
 McFarland, Rev. M.  
 McGuire, D.D., Rev. E. C.  
 McGuire, Rev. J. P.  
 McGuire, Rev. F. H.  
 McGuire, Rev. E. B.  
 Newell, Rev. C.  
 Norwood, Rev. W.  
 Nash, Rev. F. B.  
 Packard, Rev. Joseph  
 Payne, Rev. John  
 Pendleton, Rev. W. H.  
 Rooker, Rev. W. Y.  
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 Sale, Rev. Nelson  
 Slaughter, Rev. P.  
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 Smith, Rev. George A.  
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 Smith, Rev. Jonathan  
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 Ward, W. N.  
 Wharton, Rev. D. M.  
 Wingfield, Rev. J. H.  
 Woodbridge, Rev. George  
 Woodville, Rev. J. W.  
 Wilmer, Rev. J. P. B.  
 Wilmer, Rev. R. H.  
 Wilmer, Rev. G. T.  
 Withers, Rev. Edmund  
 Woods, Rev. H. W.  
 Walke, Rev. Lewis

## PARISHES OR CHURCHES.

St. Paul's church,  
 Westover parish,  
 Missionary,  
 Hamilton parish,  
 Cumberland parish,  
 { St. John's, Fauquier, & Christ  
 church, Fairfax,  
 Abingdon and Ware parishes,  
 Russel parish, Bedford,  
 Professor Theological Seminary,  
 Christ church,  
 St. John's church,  
 { Boyden Chapel and Principal of }  
 { Female Institute,  
 St. John's church,  
 St. George's church,  
 St. Ann's and S. Farnham parishes,  
 St. James' church,  
 Meherrin parish,  
 Chaplain United States Navy,  
 Monumental church,  
 Professor Theological Seminary,  
 Missionary,  
 Leed's parish,  
 Frederick parish,  
 Christ church, Lancaster,  
 West Russel parish,  
 Bristol parish,  
 Missionary,  
 " "  
 Principal Fairfax Institute,  
 Martin's, Brandon parish,  
 Newport parish,  
 Professor Theological Seminary,  
 Missionary,  
 Dettengen and Leed's parishes,  
 Principal Deaf and Dumb Institute,  
 Moore parish, St. John's church,  
 Hungar's parish,  
 Kanawha parish,  
 { Lunenburg, Farnham and Cople  
 parishes,  
 { Berkely, St. George's and St.  
 Margaret's parishes,  
 Trinity church,  
 Christ church,  
 St. Mark's parish,  
 Northam parish,  
 Wickliffe parish, Clarke county,  
 Botetourt parish,  
 Albemarle parish, Sussex,  
 Missionary,  
 St. Paul's, King George,

## POST OFFICES.

Suffolk, Nansemond.  
 Lynchburg.  
 Charles City Court House.  
 Africa.  
 Warrenton, Fauquier.  
 Alexandria, D. C.  
 Columbian Grove, Lunenburg  
 } Fairfax Court House.  
 Gloucester Court House.  
 New London, Campbell.  
 Theol. Seminary, Fairfax.  
 Charlottesville.  
 Richmond.  
 Staunton, Augusta.  
 City Point, Prince George.  
 Fredericksburg.  
 Loretto, Essex.  
 Boynton, Mecklenburg.  
 Poplar Mt., Greensville co.  
 Richmond.  
 Colesomond, Kanawha.  
 Theol. Seminary, Fairfax.  
 Africa.  
 Upperville, Fauquier.  
 Wineshester.  
 Lancaster Court House.  
 Davis' store, Bedford.  
 Petersburg.  
 Parkersburg, Wood county.  
 Cape Palmas, Africa.  
 Theol. Seminary, Fairfax.  
 Garysville, Prince George.  
 Norfolk.  
 Smithfield, Isle of Wight.  
 Theol. Seminary, Fairfax.  
 Petersburg.  
 China.  
 Miller's Tavern, Essex.  
 Millford Mills, Prince Wa.  
 Staunton, Augusta.  
 Lynchburg.  
 Eastville, Northampton.  
 } Warsaw, Richmond.  
 Mt. Pleasant, Spotsylvania.  
 Portsmouth.  
 Richmond.  
 El Dorado, Culpepper.  
 Pemberton, Goochland co.  
 Berryville P. O., Clarke.  
 Fincastle, Botetourt.  
 Jarrett's Depot, Sussex co.  
 China.  
 King George Court House.

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Accomac,			Charles Mann.
Gloucester,			John Grammer.
Halifax,		St. Mark's,	T. T. Castleman.
Angusta,		Trinity,	A. Berger.
Dinwiddie,		Sapony,	D. M. Wharton.
Spotsylvania,		St. John's,	G. T. Wilmer.
Botetourt and Roanoke,			William Hodges.
James City,			J. McElroy.
Augusta,			
Madison,		Piedmont,	
		Trinity,	
Prince George,		St. Paul's,	P. Slaughter.
Stafford,			
King George,		Lamb's Creek,	G. W. Dame.
Pittsylvania,		St. Andrew's,	T. Smith.
Harrison,			
Westmoreland,			W. N. Ward.
Richmond,			
Lancaster,		Christ,	J. B. Richmond.
Lunenburg,		{ St. James',	{ Thomas E. Locke.
		{ St. Paul's,	
		Roanoke,	
Charlotte,			
Middlesex,			
Pittsylvania,		{ Danville and Com-	{ G. W. Dame.
Prince William,		{ petition,	{ John Towles.
Elizabeth City,		{ St. John's,	
		{ Centurion,	M. L. Chevera.
Norfolk,		{ St. Paul's,	
		{ Christ,	U. Beall.
		{ Trinity,	
Albemarle,		{ Christ,	{ R. K. Meade.
		Buckmountain,	
Frederick,		Christ church,	W. Y. Rooker.
		{ Christ,	C. B. Dana.
Fairfax,		{ St. Paul's,	J. T. Johnston.
		{ Falls,	
Clarke,		{ Wickliffe,	{ W. G. H. Jones.
		The Chapel,	
Franklin,			E. Christian.
Powhatan,		Grace,	P. F. Berkeley.

PARISHES.	COUNTIES.	CHURCHES.	MINISTERS.
Henrico,	Henrico,	{ St. Paul's Monumental, St. John's, Christ, St. James', St. John's, { Hungar's, { Christ,	Wm. N. Norwood. J. H. Morrison. George Woodbridge. A. Empie, D.D. William Friend. J. Ufford. George Lemon. J. Towles.
Hanover,	King George,		E. Withers.
Hungar's,	North Hampton,		H. N. Ward.
Hamilton,	Fauquier,	{ St. John's, }	W. H. Pendleton.
Haymarket,	Prince William,	{ St. Mark's, }	
Jarett's Depot,	Sussex,	{ Emanuel, and }	
Kanawha,	Kanawha,	{ Chapel, { Amherst C. H. }	D. Caldwell.
Leeds,	Fauquier,	{ New Glasgow, }	W. N. Ward.
Lynnhaven,	Princess Ann,	St. Paul's,	J. Towles.
Lexington,	Amherst,	Trinity,	O. Bulkley.
Lunenburg,	Richmond,	Merchant's Hope,	Wm. M. Jackson.
Leeds,	Prince William,	{ St. John's Church, { City Point, }	A. Smith,
Lyttleton,	Cumberland,	{ St. John's, { St. Paul's, { Christ, { Mill Creek, }	E. B. McGuire.
Manchester,	Chesterfield,	Christ Church,	S. D. Tompkins.
Meade,	Loudon,	{ Trinity and { Callaway, }	W. H. Kinkle.
Martin's Brandon,	Prince George,	Aquia,	W. H. Good.
Do. do.	Do. do.	Trinity,	Aristides S. Smith.
Meherrin,	Greenville,	{ Trinity, { St. Stephen's }	F. D. Goodwin.
Moore,	Campbell,	Grubb Hill,	J. H. Wingfield.
Norborne,	Berkley,	Mount Laurel,	J. S. Marbury.
Newport,	Isle of Wight,		P. F. Berkeley.
Nelson,	Nelson,		J. T. Clarke.
Nottoway,	Nottoway,		
Overwharton,	Stafford,		
Portsmouth,	Norfolk,		
Pettaworth,	Gloucester,		
Russell,	Bedford,		
Raleigh,	Amelia,		
Roanoke,	Halifax,		
St. James',	Prince William,		
St. George's,	Accomac,	{ St. James', and { St. George's, }	E. Boyden.
St. Ann's,	Albemarle,	Christ,	D. M. Wharton.
St. Andrew's,	Brunswick,	St. Andrew's,	W. Friend.
St. Margaret's,	Caroline,	St. Margaret's,	J. Cole.
St. Mary's,	Caroline,	{ St. Peter's, }	J. W. Woodville
St. Mark's,	Culpepper,	{ Grace, { St. Steven's, { ———,	J. P. McGuire.
St. Ann's,	Essex,		J. P. McGuire.
South Farnham,	Essex,		W. V. Bowers.
St. Martin's,	Hanover,		F. H. McGuire.
St. James',	Mecklenburg,		E. C. McGuire. D.
St. George's,	Spotsylvania,	St. George's,	D. M. Wharton.
St. George's,	Spotsylvania,	Christ Church,	George Adie.
Shelburne,	Loudon,	St. James',	Alexander Jones, D.
St. Andrew's,	Jefferson,	Zion,	C. W. Andrews.
St. Andrews',	Jefferson,	Trinity,	Lewis Walke.
St. Paul's,	King George,	St. Paul's,	C. H. Disbrow.
Suffolk,	Nansemond,	St. Paul's,	
Southwark,	Surry,		
Southam,	Powhatan,	{ Peterville, { Manakin,	A. Fisher.
St. Thomas',	Orange,	St. Thomas',	Jos. Earnest.
St. David's,	Brooke,	{ St. John's Church, { Christ Church,	
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Bath,	Dinwiddie,	Sapony,	D. M. Wharton.
Berkley,	Spotsylvania,	St. John's,	G. T. Wilmer.
Botetourt,	Botetourt and Roanoke,		William Hodges.
Bruton,	James City,		J. McElroy.
Boyden,	Augusta,		
Bloomfield,	Madison,	Piedmont,	
		Trinity,	
Bristol,	Prince George,	St. Paul's,	P. Slaughter.
Brunswick,	Stafford,		
Brunswick,	King George,	Lamb's Creek,	G. W. Dame.
Camden,	Pittsylvania,	St. Andrew's,	T. Smith.
Clarksburg,	Harrison,		
{ Cople,	Westmoreland,	}	W. N. Ward.
{ Lunenburg,	Richmond,	}	J. B. Richmond.
{ N. Farnham,	Lancaster,	{ Christ,	{ Thomas E. Locke.
{ Christ church,	Lunenburg,	{ St. James',	
{ Cumberland,		{ St. Paul's,	
		Roanoke,	
Corwall,	Charlotte,		
Christ church,	Middlesex,	{ Danville and Com-	{ G. W. Dame.
unden,	Pittsylvania,	{ petition,	John Towles.
Hengen,	Prince William,	{ St. James',	
Isabell City,	Elizabeth City,	{ St. John's,	M. L. Chevers.
		{ Centurion,	
Isabell,	Norfolk,	{ St. Paul's,	U. Beall.
		{ Christ,	
rickville,	Albemarle,	{ Trinity,	{ R. K. Meade.
		{ Christ,	
rick,	Frederick,	{ Buckmountain,	W. Y. Rooker.
		Christ church,	C. B. Dana.
r,	Fairfax,	{ Christ,	J. T. Johnston.
		{ St. Paul's,	
ck,	Clarke,	{ Falls,	
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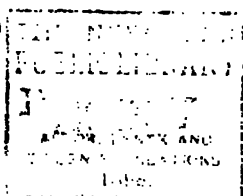
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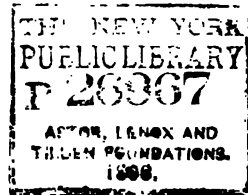
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***PLACES FOR THE MEETING OF CONVENTION.***

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<b>WINCHESTER,</b>	<b><i>Third Wednesday in May,</i></b>			<b>1847</b>
<b>NORFOLK,</b>	<b>"</b>	<b>"</b>	<b>"</b>	<b>1848</b>
<b>CHARLOTTESVILLE,</b>	<b>"</b>	<b>"</b>	<b>"</b>	<b>1849</b>
<b>ALEXANDRIA,</b>	<b>"</b>	<b>"</b>	<b>"</b>	<b>1850</b>
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PETERSBURG, May 20, 1846.

This being the day appointed, by the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Virginia, for the meeting of the Annual Convention of said Diocese, the Right Rev. WM. MEADE, D. D., Bishop, and the Right Rev. JOHN JOHNS, Assistant Bishop, together with a number of the Clergy and Laity, assembled in St. Paul's Church, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. WM. Y. ROOKER, and the Convention Sermon preached by the Assistant Bishop.

The Secretary then called the roll of the Clergy, when the following were found to be present and entitled to seats:

RT. REV. WM. MEADE, D. D.

RT. REV. JOHN JOHNS, D. D.

Rev. C. W. ANDREWS,	" A. EMPIE, D. D.,
" UPTON BEALL,	" WM. FRIEND,
" P. F. BERKELEY,	" JOHN GRAMMER,
" WM. V. BOWERS,	" C. J. GIBSON,
" E. BOYDEN,	" W. H. GOOD,
" A. BERGER,	" WM. HODGES,
" JAS. BOLTON, M. D.,	" WM. M. JACKSON,
" T. T. CASTLEMAN,	" WM. G. JACKSON,
" D. CALDWELL,	" WM. G. H. JONES,
" M. L. CHEVERS,	" OVID A. KINSOLVING,
" JOHN T. CLARK,	" WM. T. LEAVELL,
" JOHN COLE,	" E. R. LIPPITT,
" EDMUND CHRISTIAN,	" THOMAS E. LOCKE,
" G. S. CARRAWAY,	" WM. F. LOCKWOOD,
" C. B. DANA,	" CHARLES MANN,
" HENRY M. DENISON,	" E. C. MCGUIRE, D. D.,
" JAMES DOUGHEN,	" J. P. MCGUIRE,
" E. A. DALRYMPLE,	" E. B. MCGUIRE,
" C. H. DISBROW,	" CHARLES MINEGERODE,
" WM. DUVAL,	" WM. C. MEREDITH,
" JOSEPH EARNEST,	" ROBERT NELSON,



" **W. Y. ROOKER,**  
 " **P. SLAUGHTER,**  
 " **LEONIDAS SMITH,**  
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 " **WM. J. WALLER, M**  
 " **W. E. WEBB,**  
 " **LEWIS WALKER,**

The Rev. Mr. Mann, E. T. Tayloe, Esq. and Col. Carrington appointed a committee to examine the certificates of Lay Deacons who, having discharged the duty assigned to them, reported the following gentlemen duly elected and entitled to seats in the Convention:

Henrico Parish—Geo. M. Carrington.

Bath Parish, Dinwiddie—David W. Brodnax, M. D.

Tillotson Parish, Buckingham—Willie J. Eppes, M. D.

Grace Church, Petersburg—Charles Kent.

St. Paul's Parish, Suffolk—Joseph Prentiss.

Shelburne Parish, Loudon—Thos. H. Claggett, M. D.

Copal Parish, Westmoreland—Joseph Jones, M. D.

Grace Church, Caroline—Wm. Bankhead, M. D.

Martin's, Brandon Parish—Jas. W. Scarborough.

Grub Hill Church, Raleigh—Jno. R. Robertson.

Christ Church, Alexandria—Cassius F. Lee.

St. Ann's Parish, Essex—Wm. H. Brooke.

Meade Parish, Fauquier—J. R. Edmonds, M. D.

St. Andrews Parish, Shepherdstown—Step. D. Watkins.

Millwood Parish, Frederick—Phillip Burwell.

St. Paul's Church, Hanover—Jason Holmes.

St. Paul's Church, Lynchburg—Sam'l. W. Shelton.

Martin's Parish, Hanover—Edmund Fontaine.

Lyttleton Parish, Cumberland—Nelson Page.

St. Paul's Church, Petersburg—David May.

Christ Church, Lancaster—John Chewning.

St. Peter's Parish, New Kent—Francis Nelson.

Cumberland Parish, Lunenburg—Roger B. Atkinson.

St. John's Parish, Hampton—W. S. Armistead.

St. Andrews Parish, Brunswick—E. A. Morrison, M. D.

Fall's Church, Fairfax—James A. Woodward.

Lynnhaven Parish, Princess Anne—Thurmar Hoggard.

St. Stephen's Church, Bedford—Wm. Radford.

Christ Church, Winchester—Phillip Williams.

St. Thomas Church, Frederick—David W. Barton.

Antrim Parish, Halifax—Thomas G. Coleman.

Cornwall Parish, Charlotte—John Henry.  
 Roanoke Parish, Halifax—P. H. Foster, M. D.  
 Cedar Run Parish, Prince William—Frederick Foote.  
 St. George's Church, Fredericksburg—Wm. Pollock.  
 St. John's, Hanover Parish, King George—Ed. T. Taylor.  
 Trinity Church, Staunton—Wm. C. Graham.  
 Monumental Church, Richmond—Jno. A. Smith.  
 St. Thomas' Church, Orange—Anthony Twyman.  
 Bruton Parish, Williamsburg—Robert Cole.  
 Christ Church, Norfolk—Tazewell Taylor.  
 St. Paul's Church, Alexandria—Wm. H. Fowle.  
 St. Paul's Church, Richmond—Wm. H. McFarland.  
 St. Paul's Church, Norfolk—John B. Hardy.  
 Westover Parish, Charles City—W. T. Walthall.  
 St. Ann's Parish, Albemarle—Fielding Lewis.  
 St. James' Church, Northam, Goochland and Fluvahna—Joseph K. Weisiger.

On motion, it was resolved, that Clergymen of other Dioceses in attendance be invited to take their seats within the bar of the Convention.

On motion, TAZEWELL TAYLOR, Esq. was appointed Treasurer, *pro tem*.

The Convention then adjourned until to-morrow at 9 o'clock, A. M.

THURSDAY, May 21, 1846.

The Convention was opened with prayer by the Rt. Rev. the Assistant Bishop. The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were then read. The following Clergymen, not present yesterday, appeared and took their seats:—Rev. Messrs. JNO. TOWLES, WM. H. PENDLETON, WM. NORWOOD, THOMAS SMITH, JONATHAN B. T. SMITH, J. H. FORRISON, O. BULKLEY, J. P. B. WILNER, F. H. MCGUIRE.

The Rules of Order of the last Convention were then read by the Secretary, and, on motion, were adopted for the government of the present Convention.

## RULES OF ORDER.

1. The Convention shall be opened every day with prayer.
2. When the President takes the Chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, except to address the Chair.
3. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the Convention, he shall rise from his seat and respectfully address himself to the President, and shall confine himself to the question under debate and avoid personality.
4. If any member, in speaking or otherwise, transgress the rules of the Convention, the President shall, or any member may, call to order, in which case, the member so called to order *shall* immediately take his seat, unless permitted to explain, and the Convention shall, if appealed to, decide on the case, but without debate; and, if there be no appeal, the decision of the Chair shall be submitted to; if the decision be in favor of the member called to order, he shall be at liberty to proceed; if otherwise, and the case require it, he shall be liable to the censure of the Convention.
5. When two or more members happen to rise at once, the President shall name the member who is first to speak.
6. No member shall speak more than twice to the same question without leave of the Convention, nor more than once, until every member, choosing to speak, shall have spoken.
7. Whilst the President is putting any question, or addressing the Convention, none shall walk out of, or across, the house—nor in such case, nor when a member is speaking, shall entertain private discourse—nor, whilst a member is speaking, shall pass between him and the Chair.
8. No member shall vote on any question in the event of which he is immediately and particularly interested, or in any case where he was not present when the question was put.
9. Upon a division and count of the Convention on any question, no member without the limits allotted as seats of the members shall be counted.
10. Every member who shall be in the house when the question is put shall give his vote, unless the Convention, for special reasons, shall excuse him.
11. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be stated by the President, or, being in writing, it shall be handed to the Chair, and read aloud by the Secretary, before debate.

12. Every motion shall be reduced to writing if the President or any member require it.

13. After a motion is stated by the President, or read by the Secretary, it shall be deemed to be in possession of the Convention, but may be withdrawn at any time before decision or amendment.

14. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received but to adjourn, to lie on the table, for the previous question, to postpone indefinitely, or to a certain day, to commit to a committee, or to amend—which several motions shall have precedence in the order they stand arranged.

15. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, and shall be decided without debate.

16. The previous question shall be in this form—"Shall the main question be now put?" It shall be admitted only when demanded by a majority of the members present, and, until it is decided, shall preclude all amendments and further debate on the main question.

17. On the previous question there shall be no debate.

18. When a question is decided by the Convention, or is postponed indefinitely, the same shall not be acted upon again during the session, without the consent of two-thirds of the members present.

19. Any member may call for the division of a question, where the sense will admit of it, but a question to strike out and insert shall be deemed indivisible.

20. No new motion or proposition shall be admitted under color of amendment, as a substitute for the motion or proposition under debate.

21. When a motion has been once made and carried in the affirmative or negative, it shall be in order for any member of the majority to move a reconsideration thereof, on the same or next day.

22. No member shall absent himself from the service of the Convention unless he have leave, or be sick and unable to attend.

23. The President shall, at his discretion, select suitable seats without the limits of those pews allotted for the use of the members, which shall be appropriated to the exclusive accommodation of visiting clergymen and candidates for orders, who may be invited by the rector or wardens of the church in which the meetings of the Convention are held, under the direction of the President of the Convention: it being expected that those to whom such seats are appropriated will confine themselves to the same.

24. No spectator shall, during the daily sessions of the Convention, be admitted above or within the pews allotted to the members of the

Convention, and it is expected and hoped that not only the spectators will attend to this regulation, but that the rector and wardens of the church in which the sessions of the Convention are held will see that this rule of order is not violated.

25. There shall, on the *second* day of the Convention, be appointed by the President, unless otherwise directed by the Convention, the following standing committees, to consist of an equal number of each order:

A committee on the state of the Church, to whom shall be referred the addresses of the Bishop and Assistant Bishop, on the opening of the Convention.

A committee on the Fund for the Support of Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen.

A committee on the Episcopal Fund.

A committee on the Accounts of the Treasurer of the Missionary Society.

A committee on Parochial Reports.

A committee on the Admission of New Parishes.

A committee of Elections.

A committee of Finance, consisting of laymen.

26. The credentials of the Lay Delegates shall be handed in to the Secretary, and be by him read to the Convention, and, if it shall appear that there is any doubt as to the right of any delegate to his seat, the same shall be referred to the Committee of Elections, to be by the said committee forthwith examined into and reported upon to the Convention.

27. When three members require it, the vote, on all questions, shall be by ayes and noes.

28. None of the Rules of Order shall be suspended without the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present.

29. The business first in order, after the organization of the Convention, shall be the appointment of the Treasurer *pro tem.*, when the Treasurer is not a member of the Convention; reading of the Pastoral Addresses; Parochial Reports; and the Proceedings of the Standing Committee.

The following Lay Delegates, not present yesterday, appeared and took their seats:

St. James' Church, Richmond—Gen. Wm. H. Richardson.

Christ Church, Smithfield—John R. Purdie, M. D.

Trinity Church, Portsmouth—James Murdaugh.

St. David's Church, King William—George W. Bassett.

South Farnham, Essex—Wm. C. Latane.

Grace Church, Genito Parish, Powhatan—James M. Harris.

#### BISHOP MEADE'S ADDRESS.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop MEADE then read his Annual Address, as follows:

DEAR BRETHREN:—I desire to be thankful to the author of all our blessings for the privilege of meeting with you, once more, for conference upon the affairs of our Zion. When we separated after our last Convention, I was obliged, through bodily infirmity, to discontinue the visitation which I was then performing, and to postpone the completion of it to the autumn. Before leaving Fredericksburg, I admitted the Rev. Mr. WALKER to Priest's orders. After cessation from active duty for a few weeks, I was, through the Divine goodness, so far strengthened as to continue my annual duties at the Seminary. I also hastily visited some of the congregations in Hanover, Albemarle, Orange and Fauquier, confirming three persons at Fauquier Ct. House. After this, I spent four weeks in delivering lectures, on the Pastoral Office, to the Senior class, and attending the examination of all the classes, at the Seminary. During this period, I visited the congregations at Little Falls and Fairfax Court House, confirming one person in each, and consecrating a new Church at the latter place. I also confirmed twelve persons in St. Paul's Church, Alexandria. At the close of the exercises at the Seminary, I admitted to Deacon's orders eight persons, all of whom were Virginians, and all of whom immediately entered upon ministerial duty in Virginia. The persons ordained were, Messrs. Kinsolving, Nelson, Walker, Meredith, Carraway, Waller, Bolton and Duval.

After the duties at the Seminary were over, I visited Leesburg and Miss MERCER's Female School in the vicinity. At Leesburg, I confirmed one person. In the vicinity of Miss MERCER's School, I consecrated a neat Church, the result of her zeal and liberality, and, at the same time, confirmed eleven persons, eight of whom were her scholars, the subjects of her affectionate and pious care.

Reaching home about the 20th of July, I tarried there until Septem-

ber, when I set out on a visit to the congregations in Western Virginia. I was prevented by indisposition from reaching Clarksburg, or Weston, in which places there are a few families, attached to our Church, and where the Rev. Mr. Kinsolving has been officiating since September last. We met at Morgantown, and held two services in that place. Thence I proceeded to Wheeling, where I spent several days, and where nine persons were confirmed. While there, I visited Wellburg and St. Johns, in the vicinity, both of which places were destitute of a minister: Thence, I went to Parkersburg, where I spent several days, and confirmed nine persons: Thence to Ravenswood, where one was confirmed: Thence to Point Pleasant and Mercer's Bottom, at the last of which places three were confirmed: Thence to Cole's Mouth, Charleston and the Salines, all of them in Kanawha County. At Charleston, six persons were confirmed: Thence to Charlottesville, where I spent a few days.

My next visit was to the congregations in Hanover, King William and New Kent, under the care of the Rev. EDWARD B. MCGUIRE. In King William three persons were confirmed. The same number were confirmed in Charles City, which was next visited. The next episcopal act was the consecration of the new Church in Richmond, by the name of St. Paul's, in which I was assisted by my associate, Bishop Johns, and a number of the brethren. This took place on the 11th of November. My course was now directed to Williamsburg, where I spent several days, rendering such service as was in my power, and, especially addressing such exhortation and admonition to the youthful members of the College, as seemed most suitable to their age and circumstances. From Williamsburg I passed over to Gloucester, where I spent several days, and confirmed eight persons. I also visited Mathews and Middlesex, spending two days in each of the Churches, confirming three in the latter. Crossing over the Rappahannock, I visited the congregations in Lancaster, Westmoreland and Richmond counties, confirming three persons at White Chapel, in Lancaster. Re-crossing the river, I visited the congregations under the care of the Rev. J. P. MCGUIRE, confirming four persons. Again passing over the Rappahannock, I met with a few of our friends at Oak Grove, in Westmoreland, and confirmed one: Thence to King George, where I spent two days with each congregation, confirming two persons.

Having thus briefly stated my Episcopal duties in the Northern Neck, I must beg leave to advert to a circumstance, which was particularly presented to my consideration, while near the scite of one of our old

Churches in the county of Northumberland, and which has been not a little misunderstood, and even misrepresented in the public prints, and on the floor of our Legislature. In the Spring of 1840, I received a communication from Mr. Joseph Ball, an old and valued member of our Church in Northumberland, on the subject of the sale of the Church in his neighborhood. It was then just in that condition, when spoliation of the bricks having begun, it would become an object of plunder to all around, and soon disappear. One of the neighbors, therefore, proposed to purchase it, and my consent was asked. I replied that I had no right whatever to dispose of it. Visiting that part of the State, soon after, Mr. Ball informed me that a gentleman, living near the Church, and professing an attachment to it, declared that it distressed him to see the Church thus treated; that, in a short time, not a brick would be left; that they would be used for hearths, chimneys, and such like purposes, all the country around; that, if Mr. BALL would consent, he would give \$500, either to rebuild it, or to take it down—the materials, in the latter case, being his own; that he had consulted a lawyer, who told him that the head of the Church could dispose of it. As Mr. Ball was an old warden of the Parish, and the only surviving member, the gentleman thought he might be regarded as the head; but, on being told that the Bishop was so regarded, it was referred to myself. In reply to the renewed proposal, I stated again that I had no right to sell it, and was unwilling to have any thing to do with it, as it might be misunderstood and misrepresented. On its being urged, by Mr. Ball, that a refusal to give such permission would only encourage great numbers to robbery, I, at length, said that, if he chose to sell it, I would receive the proceeds, and place them in the hands of the trustees of our Theological Seminary, to be returned, should it ever be called for to build a Church in its room. I was induced to do this, partly by the consideration, that our Convention had, many years before, passed a resolution, calling upon persons having church plate, in vacant parishes, to send it for safe keeping to the Bishop of the Diocese, liable to be called for, should the parishes ever be revived. Such property has been given into the hands of Bishop Moore and myself, and has been lent to other parishes on that condition. I, accordingly, in writing stated my assent to the sale of the walls of the Church, (nothing else remaining,) for \$500, giving what right I might be thought to have. I looked upon the transaction as an affair between the person proposing it, Mr. Ball, and myself, as friends to religion and the Church, who were desirous to prevent a dishonorable use of the remains of a



building, not likely to be wanted again, and as an act which would be approved by all good and pious persons. After having paid one half the money, the purchaser refused the remainder, on the plea of its having been an improper sale. In order to prevent all future misunderstanding of this transaction, I have thought it best thus to place among our records. The two hundred and fifty dollars which were paid were expended, I believe, on the Chapel attached to our Theological Seminary, and I hold myself personally responsible for its return whenever any competent authority shall claim it.

I have but little to add of services, rendered from the conclusion of my autumnal visitation to the present time. I remained at home, from Christmas until Easter, during which time I visited the congregation at Winchester twice, confirming five persons; the congregations at Berryville and Wickliffe, once, consecrating a new Church in the place of the old one, called Wickliffe Church. I also supplied the place of the Rev. Mr. Jones, on four or five occasions, in my old parish. During that part of the winter, when my health permitted, I employed myself in writing a Treatise on Baptism, and Preaching, in their connections with each other, which I thought was called for at this time, and which I pray God to accept and bless, if it be according to his word. Immediately after Easter I repaired to Alexandria, finding it more convenient this year to deliver my lectures to the graduating class, before the meeting of the Convention. I also, while there, administered the rite of Confirmation in both of the Churches, confirming eleven in Christ's Church and fourteen in St. Paul's. During my services at the Seminary, I had opportunity of ascertaining, in various ways, that the same faithful attention to the duties of their office, which has heretofore characterized our Professors, is continued without abatement, and the effect of the same is felt and acknowledged by the young candidates for the Ministry, who are daily subjected to their instructions. Although our High School was not in operation during my visit, (it being a time of vacation,) so that I might speak of it from personal observation, my information, as to its whole management, was so particular and from such competent sources, that I feel not only authorized, but bound, to report it to the Convention, as being most worthy of the patronage of the members of our Church. The exact order and discipline maintained; the special attention paid by the Principal and Matron to the wants of the boys; the amount of studies performed; and the accuracy of the instruction imparted; have deeply impressed the minds of all who have opportunity of observing it, that there is no school

our country more worthy of the confidence of those parents who have sons to be educated. I only utter the sentiment of those who are personally acquainted with their qualification, and fully competent to speak, when I say, that the three teachers, who are employed in the school, are eminently qualified for their office, and that the examination, which took place at the close of the first session, was most creditable as well to the teachers as to the pupils. Nor has the religious training of the scholars been neglected for the sake of the great attention paid to their literary advancement. Besides the religious advantages accruing to the pupils from their contiguity to the Seminary, the Principal of the High School prepares discourses for the special benefit of the boys and delivers the same in the prayer hall belonging to the institution, on the evenings of the sabbath. Nor have his labors in this direction been unblest. But for the vacation, I should have had the happiness of admitting two of the youths under his care to the rite of confirmation during my recent visit. Nothing seems now wanting to the prosperity of the institution, but a sufficient number of pupils to defray its expences. The services of the Seminary being over, I directed my steps towards the place of our meeting, spending one sabbath in Fredericksburg, and another in Richmond, making one address in the former place and two in the latter.

To the foregoing statement of visits made, and duties performed, I have to state, that there have been admitted to candidateship for orders, during the past year, Messrs. James J. Page, John L. Logan, Alfred Berkeley, Rob't. P. Johnson, Edwin W. Murray, Sam'l. R. Slack, Jas. Wade, Dwyer and Ambler. I have given letters demissory to the Rev. Messrs. Miller and Marbury to the Diocese of Alabama; to the Rev. Mr. Bauzman to the Diocese of Maryland. I have also transferred, to the Diocese of Alabama, Mr. R. Addison Cobbs; to the Diocese of Rhode Island, Mr. Andrew Croswell and Mr. Mulchahey; to the Diocese of Georgia, Mr. Thompson L. Smith; to the Diocese of South Carolina, Mr. T. J. Arthur—all of whom were candidates for orders in this Diocese. I have received, by transfer from the Diocese of Pennsylvania, Mr. Dudley A. Tyng.

It becomes my duty, at the close of this report, to refer for a moment to a subject, which has engaged the consideration of the two last Conventions—I mean the memorial to our Legislature, praying for the passage of an act, which might enable us to receive and hold bequests to some of our religious and literary institutions. The committee, appointed for the purpose of presenting the memorial, have performed

their duty. To two members of that committee we are particularly indebted for very active exertions in the cause. Although the effort put forth by them may not have been crowned with immediate success, we must believe that the information communicated, and the appeal publicly made to the justice of our Legislature, cannot fail to effect good, by removing some of those prejudices which, for a long time have been prevalent amongst the citizens of our state. It is still a matter of deep regret to us, that some of our fellow Christians, of other denominations, have withheld that co-operation which is so needful for success. Could we all, suffering as we do, in a greater or lesser degree, from the want of legislative protection, come with a united petition for a redress of the wrongs inflicted on us, we might surely effect a favourable hearing. We will still hope for a better agreement and more united action on this subject, and for the progress of sounder opinions, as the subject becomes better understood. Although the Legislature took no vote on the memorial, yet, as the report of the committee was altogether unfavorable, we must regard our application as having, for the present, failed of its object. It, of course, is our duty as good citizens, in the spirit of our holy religion, and following the example of our Lord and of his followers, at various periods in the history of the Church, to submit ourselves to the decision, however deeply we may feel that we are wronged. It is not, however, inconsistent with the most peaceable submission to existing laws, which we regard as unjust and oppressive, to persevere in calm and candid appeals, to the justice and wisdom of the Legislature, for their removal or modification. We show indeed that we are good citizens, when we persevere in the attempt to remove what all Christendom besides must regard as our reproach. I would, therefore, submit it to the consideration of the Convention, whether it might not be expedient to continue the committee, leaving it to their judgment to take any step which may, in the future, seem most proper to them. There are those who think that some other form of petition would be less unacceptable to the Legislature, and might even find favor with it. It is not improbable, that petitions, in an altered form, may be offered by some of our fellow Christians of a different denomination, and it might be well for us to be ready to unite with them in the same. In a former address I promised, from time to time, to make known to the Convention any losses which we might sustain through defect of legislative protection, or any circumstances bearing on the subject, the statement of which might conduce to the more active prosecution of our claim and have effect on the public mind

In fulfilment of this promise, I would mention that I have recently been enquired of in the behalf of one, whose desire it is to bequeath something to our Seminary, in what manner it can be done, so as to afford a reasonable prospect it will accomplish the object desired. The difficulty of making answer to the enquiry was great indeed. Two methods have been recommended to us. The first of them may be seen by the following form of a bequest, drawn up for our use, after much deliberation, by three of the ablest lawyers of our state; two of whom have been elevated to the judicial bench. One of those two suddenly expired within the last few days in the capital of Virginia. You may judge for yourselves, my brethren, to what a strait Christian charities are reduced, when the following form is the best that can be devised:

*Form of a Bequest to the Trustees of the Theological Seminary of the  
Episcopal Church in Virginia.*

"I GIVE to A. B. and C. D. the survivor of them, or ex-  
ecutors, or administrators, of such survivor, (should such survivor die  
before this will takes effect,) for the  
Theological Seminary of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Virginia,  
to be paid to the Treasurer of such institution, and the receipt of said  
A. B. and C. D. the survivor or executor, or administrators of such sur-  
vivor, shall be a sufficient discharge to my executor. And this lega-  
cy is to be paid by my executors, as above directed, whether the per-  
son to whom the payment as above directed is to be made shall be un-  
der any legal obligation to apply it as above described or not; it being  
my intention, that no kindred or other legatee of mine shall take or  
be entitled to, directly or indirectly, any interest or trust in the said  
legacy, and the same shall at all events be paid as directed, so that if  
the person, who may receive it, shall not voluntarily apply it to the  
use of the said Theological Seminary, and cannot in law be compelled  
so to apply it, he shall take to his own use the benefit of the said leg-  
acy."

In delivering the above form, those who had kindly undertaken the task for the Trustees informed us, that it might seem strange, such a temptation was thus held out to the agent of a bequest to apply it to other than the favored object of the testator, yet that it would, in a court of justice, under the present laws of Virginia, make somewhat in favor of the institution claiming it, that the agent should be given this unlimited authority over it. The other method recommended to

us, is that of bequeathing the legacy to some trust worthy person, not, however, mentioning in the will the object for which it was designed, and either, while living, depositing with the same a letter specifying the use to be made of it, or leaving such letter to be delivered after death.

I give the foregoing form of a bequest, and mention the other method, in order to furnish any one who may be disposed to make one or more of our institutions the objects of charity, with the best modes which have been suggested to us. Some uncertainty must still belong to these, or any other, which may be adopted; but so long as we are deprived of that legislative protection which is readily granted to all other objects and associations, we must make the best use of these, which must indeed be called evasive methods, though we hope, under our present disfranchised condition, not in an evil sense. We are truly sorry to be obliged to adopt such arts, in order to secure to us that charity which God has, in all ages, put it into the hearts of the pious to bestow, and which, though sometimes abused in the hands of man, have been so richly blest of Heaven. It is evident that a severer satire cannot be pronounced on our laws, than the form of a bequest afforded above, which, in order to rescue a pious charity from the grasp of covetous and unprincipled heirs, must needs hold out a license and temptation to the trustee to apply it to his own private purpose, otherwise, the law deliberately hands it over to those who were perhaps expressly forbidden to receive it.

One word, in conclusion, as to an apprehension on this subject which prevails in some minds, and which is pleaded in opposition to all such legislative provision as that which has been asked. I mean the fear that the Christian Church will again be dishonored and the liberty of man be endangered, by the funds which shall be extorted from the dying, and then recovered through the instrumentality of such a law. Without alluding to the many other reasons and facts showing this to be a groundless fear, I will only say, that if there be any one lesson, which Protestant Christendom has well learnt, in which the citizens of all Protestant Countries have become perfect by the practice of centuries, it is that of preserving their earthly goods while living and dying from the hands of ministers of religion or any others who would seek to persuade them to defraud their poor relatives of rightful expectation, in order to merit Heaven by enriching the Church. The whole tide of doctrine and practice has long set in an opposite direction. Even in those places where the greatest encouragement to such charities is

aid out by the laws and the amplest protection afforded, it requires all the persevering and active exertion of individuals and societies; all the zeal and eloquence of travelling agents entirely devoted to the task; all the power of the pulpit and the press put forth in weekly sermons and essays; to draw from the living a meagre support for the most important literary and religious institutions of our land. How little then are we to apprehend, in times like these and a country like our own, on the grant of such an humble petition as that which our Church has presented to the Legislature of our beloved State; in the doing of which we have followed the example of some portions of all the leading denominations in Virginia, who at different times have asked, though vain, for what has appeared to them and does appear to all Christians to be one of the clearest and dearest rights of citizenship. Hoping that our Legislators may yet be induced to grant us our desire in such form as shall seem most expedient and safe, I now leave the subject in your hands, and commend it and you and all our Christian brethren of Virginia to the blessing of Heaven.

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The Rt. Reverend, the Assistant Bishop, then read his Report as follows:

#### BISHOP JOHNS' REPORT.

In commencing the statement of my official services during the past year, it may be proper to mention those in which I engaged during the Convention at Fredericksburg. In addition to the several addresses made at the pleasant, and I trust profitable, morning meetings, which we were privileged to attend, I held a Confirmation in St. George's Church, on the 24th, at night, when 16 persons renewed their baptismal vows. The next night I preached the closing sermon. A few days before my return to Richmond I visited Charles City, and

May 31—Preached in Westover Church.

June 1—I baptized an infant, preached in the same Church, and confirmed 6.

June 8—I preached in Baltimore in the morning in Christ Church, and in the afternoon in St. Andrews'.

June 15—I preached in the Monumental Church, Richmond, and limited the Rev. Alexander J. Barger to Priest's orders. The candidate was presented by the Rev. Mr. Norwood, who, with the Rev. Dr. Apple, united in the imposition of hands.

June 16—I left Richmond to visit the Churches in Albemarle.

June 17—I preached at Walker's Church.

June 18—I preached at Buck Mountain Church.

June 19—I preached at St. Paul's, Mountain Plain.

June 20—I preached at Green Mountain Church.

June 22—This day I was to have preached and confirmed in the same Church, but the congregation were prevented from assembling by rain.

June 23—Preached at North Garden.

June 25—Preached in the Church at Rock Fish, in the morning, and at night in a private house.

The Churches at Buck Mountain, Mountain Plain and North Garden were then, and had been for some time, without a Minister, which will account for the fact, that no persons were presented for confirmation. Those congregations and the one at Rock Fish, from which the Rev. F. D. Goodwin withdrew, on account of its great distance from his residence, have since been supplied by the Rev. Dr. Waller.

June 23—I preached at night in the Chapel of the University of Virginia to a large and attentive audience.

June 29—Preached in Christ Church, Charlottesville, and confirmed 6 persons.

June 30—Preached in Walker's Church, and confirmed 3 persons. The members of this congregation are just commencing a Gothic Church, of stone after a plan furnished by Mr. Strickland, of Philadelphia. The site and style of the building will render it a prominent and interesting object in the beautiful region which it is to adorn, and make it a monument, creditable to the taste and enterprize of the friends of the Church in that vicinity. I take pleasure in noticing this undertaking of our friends in Albemarle, and hope their example may have a happy influence upon others, who may contemplate erecting a house for the worship of God. We are far from being disposed to encourage extravagance, or display, in such buildings, but there is an appropriateness and good taste, which ought to be consulted, and which may be secured at as little expense, as is generally incurred in raising those unsightly and inconvenient structures, which we are sometimes called to consecrate, and which a stranger might fairly conclude were intended to receive the produce of the soil, rather than to be houses of prayer.

July 1—I returned to Richmond and, on the following Sunday, attended service at St. James' Church, and assisted the Rector in administering the Lord's Supper.

July 8, 9 and 10—I was occupied in attending the examination of the

**Students at the Theological Seminary.** The exercises were conducted and sustained in a manner very satisfactory, I believe, to all who were present, and gave proof of ability and labor, on the part of the Professors, and of becoming diligence in those who have enjoyed the benefit of their instructions. If the Alumni of that Institution are not sound in the faith, and furnished for the work of the Ministry, no fault will attach to their preceptors. That our candidates have access to the many privileges of that Seminary is to me a cause of thankfulness; and, in the solicitude evinced to secure the services of those who have received their theological education there, I rejoice to perceive the confidence which it has gained, and the wide and salutary influence which it is honoured to exert in the Church of Christ. It is only necessary to glance at the list of our clergy, to see how largely our own Diocese is indebted to the Seminary for the supply of our Parishes; whilst sister Dioceses, throughout the country, and our Foreign Missionary Stations, have been liberally aided from the same source. We should mark these animating facts, as matter for gratitude to God, who has honored us with this instrumentality in providing well-trained laborers for his Church, and as incentives to increased zeal and liberality in cherishing an Institution, to which we owe so much already, and from which, if faithfully conducted, we may promise ourselves increasing usefulness. It is encouraging to know, as the Treasurer's report will show you, that our friends at a distance remember and aid us in sustaining this excellent school, and it is to be hoped that their Christian consideration will stir up our own people to greater interest and efforts in so good a cause.

**July 10**—I united with Bishop Meade in the services connected with the ordination of eight Deacons, in St. Paul's Church, Alexandria.

**July 13**—Preached in St. Paul's Church, Alexandria, in the morning, and, in the afternoon, at Christ Church, I confirmed four persons.

**July 15**—I left Alexandria to visit some of the Churches in the valley.

**July 15**—Preached at Middleburg and confirmed four persons.

**July 16**—Preached at Upperville and confirmed one person.

**July 17**—Preached at Millwood in the morning, and in the afternoon addressed the congregation after a sermon by the Rev. Wm. M. Jackson.

**July 18**—Preached again at Millwood.



July 19—Preached in the Church at Berryville in the morning, and addressed the congregation again in the afternoon.

July 20—Preached in the same Church, and confirmed two persons.

July 22—Preached at the Church in Middletown, Frederick county, and confirmed one person. The rest of the day and the day following, I passed at Vaucluse, enjoying the Christian courtesies of this truly hospitable mansion; little thinking that this first opportunity of experiencing the kindness of my generous friend was to prove the only one. But so it proved. I had scarcely parted with him, and ceased to feel the cordial grasp of his hand, when I was shocked by the distressing tidings of his sudden death—a bereavement in which the Church may deeply sympathize with his afflicted family, and which must be felt by all who have ever been the guests of the late and lamented Strother Jones.

July 24—Preached in the morning in the Church at Winchester, and at night addressed the congregation, after a sermon by the Rev Wm. M. Jackson.

July 25—In the same Church I addressed the congregation in the morning, after a sermon by the Rev. W. G. H. Jones, and preached at night.

July 26—Preached at Bunker Hill.

July 27—Preached at Martinsburg, and confirmed two persons.

July 28—Preached in the Church at Hedgesville in the morning, and at night addressed the congregation, after a sermon by the Rev. Mr. Andrews.

July 29—Preached in the same Church, and confirmed sixteen persons. I cannot pass from the notice of my visit to this Chapel, without recording the satisfaction which it afforded me. Every thing was plain, simple and solemn. The congregations were large and remarkably attentive and serious. The entire service of the Church was conducted with a fulness of response and manifestation of feeling, which made it more impressive to my mind than the most imposing Cathedral service. The addition to the Church too furnished good evidence, that the word which had been preached to them proved profitable. If any one supposes that the peculiar arrangements of our Church are not adapted to the humbler classes of society, let him visit the Church on Hedges' Mountain, or St. John's, in Tees Valley, Kanawha, and his error will be corrected.

July 30—Rode to Shepherdstown and lectured there at night.

**July 31**—Preached in the same Church in the morning and at night.

**August 1**—Preached in the same Church in the morning, and confirmed twenty-three persons.

**August 2**—Preached in the Church at Charlestown.

**August 3**—Preached in the same Church in the morning, and confirmed four persons. In the afternoon, addressed the congregation, after a sermon by the Rev. Mr. Andrews.

**August 4**—On this day I had designed to intermit my services, but the interest manifested by the congregation induced us to open the Church again, and I preached in the morning.

**Aug. 5**—I preached at Smithfield.

**Aug. 16**—Preached in All Saints Church, Fredericktown, Maryland.

**Aug. 17**—Preached at Epsom Chapel, near Baltimore.

**Aug. 24**—Preached in Grace Church, Wilmington, Delaware.

**Aug. 31**—Preached in Emanuel Church, Newcastle, Delaware.

**Sept. 21**—Attended service in St. John's, Georgetown, D. C., and addressed the congregation, after a sermon by the Rector.

**Sept. 22**—Visited the Seminary.

**Sept. 24**—Returned to Richmond.

**Sept. 28**—Christ Church, Richmond—I admitted Mr. F. M. Baker to Deacon's orders. Morning Service by the Rev. Mr. Duval; Sermon by the Rector; Candidate presented by the Rev. Mr. Walke. I delivered the exhortation. In the afternoon, I addressed the congregation at the Armory, one of the Missionary Stations of the Rev. Mr. Duval.

**Sept. 29**—Left home to visit the Churches in Nelson, Amherst and several of the counties south of James River.

**Oct. 1**—Consecrated St. Paul's Church, New Market—Preached and confirmed two persons.

**Oct. 2**—In the same Parish, I consecrated Grace Chapel, a very convenient house provided for the coloured people of that vicinity. This is the eighth place of worship, on James River, intended specially for the use of servants—indicating a desire to furnish facilities for their religious instruction, which is truly encouraging to those who are concerned for their spiritual welfare. If we have but men, of the right spirit and requisite tact, to give themselves to this work, and itinerate from plantation to plantation, under approval of the proprietors, I am more and more persuaded that vast good would be the result. A field

more completely missionary in its character cannot well be found, and how it is that foreign destitution secures sympathy and effort, whilst none are prepared to devote themselves to this benighted population at our very doors, is a question I must leave to others to solve. The settled Clergy are disposed to do all in their power to extend their ministrations to the coloured people, but their regular services prevent them from doing much effectually. What we want is a Ministry devoted to them as specially as our Parochical Clergy are to the congregations under their charge, and cheerfully rendering Sunday Services. I trust the Great Head of the Church will put it into the hearts of some of our candidates to choose this sphere of labor, not as a temporary place, preparatory for the usual work of the Ministry, but as called to be ordained to it for life. Such Evangelists would not lack maintenance, nor lose their reward.

On the evening of the day on which I consecrated Grace Chapel, I left Nelson for Lynchburg, and arrived there early the next morning.

Oct. 3 and 4—In St. Paul's Church, Lynchburg, I addressed the congregation, both in the morning and at night, after a sermon by the Rev. Mr. Castleman.

Oct. 5—Preached in St. Paul's Church, Lynchburg, and confirmed nine persons in the morning, and preached also at night.

Oct. 6—Accompanied by the Rev. Mr. Kinckle, I passed over into Amherst, and preached at St. Luke's. Six persons were confirmed.

Oct. 7—Preached at New Glasgow in St. Paul's Church, and confirmed 7 persons.

Oct. 8—Preached at St. Matthews' Church, and confirmed 5 persons. The same evening we went into Lynchburg.

Oct. 9—Again accompanied by the Rev. Mr. Kinckle, I rode 22 miles to St. John's, Campbell; preached and confirmed three persons—one a colored man. I was much gratified with the improvement in this congregation since my first visit. The Church was then without any enclosure; in a tottering condition; and altogether exhibiting the appearance of neglect. Now, it is well repaired, painted and surrounded by a suitable fence. This is not all. There was also an obvious improvement in the size and aspect of the congregation, and an interest on the subject of religion, which, I trust, will deepen and extend. In this Church, attention has been paid to the servants, and with happy effect. There is a class of twenty who have committed the Catechism, and can repeat the whole Morning Service, with the exception of the Psalter. I state this fact to encourage others. It has been com-

mon to say, that this class of our population cannot be brought into our Church. When our Church can be brought to do her duty towards them, that, to us, reproachful saying will be heard no more. I am persuaded that our peculiar mode of worship is specially adapted to their condition, and when proper pains are taken to familiarize them with our service, it has attractions for them not to be found elsewhere. But pains must be taken, especially at first. Where this has been done, success has been quite as great as in the case of any other class of the community.

The remainder of the day I spent in the vicinity of St. John's, at Woodlawn, intending to make an early start the next morning, to reach the neighborhood of Pittsylvania C. H., where my appointment was for the day following. A rapid succession of heavy showers delayed my departure. About 11 o'clock, the rain abated, and accompanied by the Rev. Mr. Tompkins, and furnished with a conveyance by my kind host, Mr. Slaughter, who generously directed that it should be kept as long as it would be useful to us, I left Woodlawn. Two hours brought us to the residence of Mr. Pannill, where, on my former visit, I had been hospitably received, and now again, during a call for a few moments to pay our respects to the family, we were refreshed for our journey. We had scarcely crossed Staunton River, when we were met by a driving rain, which increased as we advanced, rendering the roads very heavy, and swelling the streams to a degree which made it difficult to ford them. By these causes we were so retarded that we were overtaken by the night, and a very dark one it was, before we reached the place of our destination. A cordial welcome at the residence of Mr. Coles soon made us forget our fatigue, and the christian fellowship which we enjoyed in the chamber of the venerable mother of the household, to whom I was once more permitted to administer the Lord's Supper, more than compensated for the exposures of the day.

Oct. 11—The incessant rain of the night and preceding day, it was thought, had so swollen the streams that, until they subsided, it would not be practicable to make the ride of ten miles to the court-house. As my appointment was there at 11 o'clock, I did not refrain from making the attempt to meet the engagement. We found the creeks out of their banks as was expected, and several of them of perilous passage, but, by the good Providence of God, they were forded in safety, and we arrived at the court-house in time to have had service. The state of the streams and roads, and the continued rain, prevented a congregation from assembling on that day.

Oct. 12—Before service I rode out with the Rev. Mr. Dame to an humble dwelling in the country, and there confirmed two of the poor of his flock. At the usual hour, I preached at Pittsylvania court-house, and confirmed three persons.

My next regular appointment was at Henry court-house, but as the Rev. Mr. Dame, who officiates there as our Missionary, and also occasionally at Franklin court-house, deemed it important that I should visit Franklin, he had, in pursuance of a general authority which I gave him, made an engagement for me to preach at Franklin court-house the next day. This arrangement made forced rides necessary, as the roads were very rough, and the distances considerable. Immediately after Church, on Sunday the 12th, we started for Franklin, and that evening rode some 12 or 13 miles to the residence of Mr. Moor-ton's, who entertained us as kindly as if we had been of his own communion, and gave us an early start the next morning.

Oct. 13—We had 27 miles to ride before we reached the court-house. We arrived about the middle of the day, and after a few moments, refreshment at Col. Saunders, I proceeded to the Methodist Church, which had been lent to us, and there preached, and confirmed one person. The congregation was crowded and very attentive. The prospect of establishing the Church in that region, where, until recently it has been unknown, is very encouraging.

We had yet seven miles to ride that evening, to enable us to meet the appointment next morning at Henry court-house. A kind family of the Presbyterian Church, who had attended our services at Franklin, and who resided on our route, tendered to us the hospitalities of their house, and conducted us on the way.

Oct. 14—We breakfasted by candle-light and were off by dawn. A ride of 27 miles through a mountainous region brought us to Henry court-house, where I preached and confirmed two persons. This place and Franklin receive at present the occasional services of the Rev. Mr. Dame, who, as far as the duties of his school, on which he mainly depends for his support, will permit, visits these points in connexion with his duties at Danville and Pittsylvania court-house. The sphere is entirely too large for any one Minister, even if he could give his whole time to the work. We hope soon to make an arrangement which, whilst it relieves him, will secure more frequent and regular services for this interesting region. At Henry court-house, a subscription has been made for erecting a Church, and with good hope of early success.

Oct. 15—Rode forty miles to Danville, and at night addressed the congregation after a sermon by the Rev. Mr. Grammer.

Oct. 16—Preached at Danville in the morning, and confirmed four persons. Preached again at night.

Oct. 17—This day was occupied in making the ride of 40 miles to Halifax court-house.

Oct. 18—Preached in the Church at Halifax court-house, in the morning, and confirmed one coloured person. Perhaps the unusual number confirmed, during the visit of Bishop Meade, may in some measure explain why there was but one to be presented on this occasion. I could not, however, avoid sympathizing with the estimable Rector in his disappointment, nor, when I considered the many blessings, both temporal and spiritual, enjoyed by that favored people, could I refrain from exclaiming—and yet “there are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger!”

At night, I addressed the congregation, after a sermon by the Rev. Mr. Christian.

Oct. 19—In the morning, I preached in the same Church, and admitted James D. McCabe to Deacon's orders. Morning Service by the Rector. The candidate was presented by the Rev. Mr. Dame. At night, I addressed the congregation, after a sermon by the Rev. Mr. Tompkins, and also on the morning of the next day. In the afternoon, accompanied by the Rev. Messrs. Tompkins and Christian, I rode to Catawba, one of the points at which the Rev. Mr. Clark officiates.—The new Church not being ready for consecration, and the harshness of the weather rendering it imprudent to occupy the old building, which could not be opened to the light without giving equally free admission to the wind, a vacant house in the vicinity was soon prepared, and services held there, which, I trust, will be long and thankfully remembered by at least some who were present.

Oct. 22—Preached at the Brick Church, Halifax, and confirmed two persons.

Oct. 23—I passed over into Charlotte, the field in which the Rev. Mr. Christian is laboring as a Missionary. In the morning, I preached at one of his stations on Staunton River, and confirmed two persons. In the afternoon, rode 12 miles to Charlotte court-house, and preached, at night, in the Methodist Church.

Oct. 24—Baptized an infant at Charlotte court-house, and preached at Roanoke Church. The Rev. Mr. Christian considers the prospect of raising two new Churches in Charlotte as very encouraging. If he

accomplishes what he proposes, he will, as all the friends of the Church in that vicinity concede, have succeeded on "a forlorn hope." I progress which he has made will appear from his Parochial Report.

The distance from Roanoke Church to St. Paul's, Lunenburg, place of my appointment for the next morning, is about 30 miles. Accompanied by the Rev. Mr. Locke, I reached the court-house at night.

Oct. 25—Preached at St. Paul's, Lunenburg.

Oct. 26—Preached in the same Church and confirmed. A service, accompanied by the Rev. F. H. McGuire and Mr. Cunningham who came to meet me at St. Paul's, I rode 16 miles to the residence of the Messrs. Hepburn, formerly the abode of Bishop Ravenscroft. Here we were kindly received.

Oct. 27—Preached in the Old Church, Mecklenburg, and confirmed 5 persons.

Oct. 28—Preached at Boydton and confirmed two persons.

Oct. 29—Preached at St. Andrews' Church, and confirmed two persons.

Oct. 30—Consecrated St. Luke's Church, Mecklenburg. Preached and confirmed two persons. Morning Service was read by the Rev. Dr. Ridley, the officiating Minister, and the sentence of consecration by the Rev. F. H. McGuire, Rector of the Parish. The Church is a very neat frame building, and well arranged in regard to convenience. Immediately after the services in St. Luke's, I hastened to Richmond to aid in the consecration of St. Paul's, for which, when I left home on my late visitation, the 2d of November was the day appointed. Owing to some delay, however, the building was not yet completed.

Almost immediately after my return to Richmond, I received melancholy intelligence of the death of two kind friends, with whom I had held pleasant intercourse during my then recent visitation. Mr. Hepburn, of Lunenburg, at whose house we were so hospitably entertained, was taken sick and died, before I had scarcely reached home. I am thankful to know that the deep concern which he expressed, in connexion with the services at the Old Church, and which was increased the next day at Boydton, authorizes us to hope that in his association on those occasions he may have received a blessing from above, intended to prepare him for his most unexpected change. The aged and venerable Col. Green, of Boydton, whose death occurred a few days afterwards, was as a father in the Church in Mecklenburg, and his removal is a loss to the Parish which will not soon be supplied.

Such cases of sudden departure, as I have been called to notice in this Report, come to us like a voice from the grave. "Be ye also ready, for ye know neither the day nor the hour when the son of man cometh." And, as the withdrawal of active and judicious friends diminishes our number, and abates our force for good, let those who survive seek to supply the lack of service so occasioned, by re-doubling their zeal and energy in the blessed work to which we are all devoted.

Nov. 2—I attended service in the Monumental Church, administered the communion, and made an address to the congregation.

Nov. 9—Preached in Christ Church, Richmond.

Nov. 11—Assisted in the consecration of St. Paul's Church, Richmond, and preached the consecration sermon. Before the services were concluded, I was compelled to hasten from the Church to the cars, to meet my appointment the next morning in Greenville.

Nov. 12—Preached in the court-house at Hicksford. In this neighborhood, arrangements have been made for the erection of a Church.

Nov. 14—Preached in the court-house at Jerusalem, Southampton county.

Nov. 15—Preached in the same place.

Nov. 16—Preached there again, and confirmed eight persons. During my visit, a subscription for building a Church in this vicinity was commenced with considerable spirit. It is to be hoped that our friends there will not suffer it to flag, till the desirable object is accomplished, and a suitable place provided, in which they and their children may assemble for the worship of God.

Nov. 17—Preached in the court-house, Sussex county, and confirmed one person. The Church in this Parish was not sufficiently advanced to be consecrated. I promised, if nothing occurred to prevent, to return and consecrate it before Convention.

Nov. 28—I left home to visit the Churches in Spottsylvania and Caroline, under the care of the Rev. Mr. Wharton.

Nov. 29—Preached at St. John's, and confirmed four persons.

Nov. 30—Preached at Christ Church, and confirmed three persons.

Dec. 1—The sleet and rain prevented the congregation from assembling at St. Margaret's, and I returned to Richmond, with the understanding that I would visit them again early in the Spring.

Dec. 7—I attended service at St. Paul's in the morning, and assisted in the administration of the Lord's Supper. At night, I preached in St. Paul's.

Dec. 10—Lectured in St. Paul's.



**Dec. 14**—At St. James' Church, but the rain prevented  
gregation from assembling.

**Dec. 17**—Lectured in St. Paul's.

**Dec. 21**—Preached in the Monumental Church.

**Dec. 28**—At Petersburg, in the morning, before service, I c  
in private, a sick person, belonging to Grace Church. At  
hour, I preached in Grace Church, and confirmed 10 persons  
afternoon, in St. Mathews' Church, after a sermon by the  
Atkinson, I addressed the congregation. At night, I preach  
Paul's Church.

**1846—Jan. 4**—Preached in St. Paul's, Richmond.

**Jan. 7**—Lectured in St. Paul's.

**Jan. 11**—Preached in St. James' Church.

**Jan. 14**—Lectured in St. Paul's.

**Jan. 18**—Preached in St. John's.

**Jan. 25**—Preached in the Penitentiary, one of the places  
the Rev. Mr. Duval officiates. At night, preached in St. Pau

**Jan. 28**—Lectured in St. Paul's.

**Feb. 1**—Morning, preached in Monumental Church.  
read prayers in St. Paul's.

From the 1st to the 18th of February, I was occupied as us  
ciating in the Churches and Lecture Rooms in Richmond, but  
sion to note the dates at the time prevents a detail of the serv

**Feb. 18**—Lectured in St. Paul's Church.

**Feb. 22**—Preached in St. James' Church.

**Feb. 25**—Lectured in St. Paul's Church.

**March 6**—Lectured in St. Paul's Church.

**March 13**—Lectured in St. Paul's Church.

**March 15**—Conducted a Catechetical Service in St. James'

**March 20**—Lectured in St. Paul's Church.

**March 22**—Preached in St. Johns' Church in the morning,  
firmed 5 persons. In the afternoon, conducted a Catechetica  
in the Monumental Church.

**March 27**—Lectured in St. Paul's Church.

**March 29**—Conducted a Catechetical exercise in St. John's

**April 1**—Lectured in St. Paul's Church.

**April 3**—Lectured in St. Paul's Church.

**April 5**—Preached in St. Paul's Church and confirmed se  
sons, of whom three were colored. In the afternoon, I c

**three persons in the Monumental Church. At night, I preached again at St. Paul's.**

April 8 and 9—Lectured in St. Paul's.

April 10—Preached in St. James', and confirmed 8, two of whom **were persons of colour.** In the afternoon, I lectured in St. Paul's.

April 11—I preached in St. Margaret's, Caroline.

April 12—Preached in the same Church, and confirmed three persons.

The congregations were large and attentive. The Church building **is** capacious, but greatly needs repair. I hope, from intimations which **I** received, that, at the next visit, it will present a different appearance.

April 14—I preached to the coloured people in Richmond.

April 16—I consecrated St. Luke's Church, Richmond. The **sen-**  
**tence** of consecration was read by the Rev. Dr. Bolton. Morning **Ser-**  
**v**ice by the Rev. Dr. Empie and the Rev. Mr. Woodbridge. The **ser-**  
**m**on was preached by the Rev. Mr. Norwood, and an address deliver-  
**ed** by myself. This building, of small dimensions, is situated in the  
**w**estern part of the city, and is intended to be a Missionary Station, at  
**w**hich the Rev. Dr. Bolton officiates.

April 18—I left home for Williamsburg, and, in the afternoon, aid-  
**ed** by the Rev. Messrs. Hodges and Caldwell, conducted the examina-  
**tion** of Mr. Charles Minnigerode, recommended by the Standing Com-  
**mittee** for admission to Deacon's orders. At night, I preached in the  
**C**hurch at Williamsburg.

April 19—I preached in the same Church, and admitted Mr. C.  
**M**innigerode to the order of Deacons. Morning Service was read by  
**t**he Rev. Mr. Caldwell, and the candidate presented by the Rev. Mr.  
**H**odges. At night, after a sermon by the Rev. Mr. Caldwell, I con-  
**f**irmed 4.

April 20—I went to Portsmouth, and preached there at night.

April 21—Preached in the same Church, and confirmed two persons.  
**I**n the afternoon, I proceeded to Suffolk.

April 22—At Suffolk, I consecrated St. Paul's Church. The **sen-**  
**tence** of consecration was read by the Rev. Mr. Withers. Morning  
**S**ervice by the Rev. Mr. Wingfield and the Rev. Mr. Beall. The **ser-**  
**m**on was preached by myself, and 3 persons were confirmed.

St. Paul's Church is a neat brick edifice of the Gothic order. Its  
interior is arranged with much simplicity and great economy of  
room. The whole building affords pleasing evidence of the taste and  
enterprize of those by whom it has been erected.

April 23—I preached at Kempsville, Princess Anne. The Church in this place is still vacant.

April 24—I preached at Old Point Comfort, in the Church of the Centurion, under the charge of the Rev. Mr. Chevers, U. S. Chaplain, and confirmed 8 persons. At night, I preached at Hampton.

April 25—Preached again at Hampton, and confirmed seven persons. I was gratified to find that the venerable Church in this place had been well repaired, during the ministry of the Rev. Mr. Bausman, and that, by the blessing of God on his labors and the services of his successor, the Rev. Mr. Goode, the condition of the congregation had decidedly improved.

April 26—I preached in Norfolk, in the morning, in St. Paul's, and confirmed 13; at night, in Christ Church, and confirmed 16.

April 27—I crossed to the Eastern Shore.

April 28—I preached at Pongateague in the morning, and at Drummondtown in the afternoon.

April 29—Preached again at Drummondtown, and confirmed 3.

April 30—I preached in the morning in Hungars' Church, and confirmed 3 persons. In the afternoon, I preached at Eastville.

May 1—I returned to Norfolk. The recent services in this place had been the means of awakening so much interest on the subject of religion, that the Clergy deemed it expedient to open their Churches daily. I arrived just in time to preach that night in Christ Church, and I regretted that my appointments, in another direction, prevented me from remaining to share in the increased labors which seemed to be demanded.

May 2—I reached Richmond, and the next day preached at St. Paul's.

May 7—I consecrated St. Paul's Church, Cumberland; preached, and confirmed 10 persons.

May 8—I proceeded as far as Stony Point, on my way to St. John's, Lunenburg, which I hoped to be able to reach in the course of the next day. I was, however, arrested in my progress by the unusually heavy rains, which raised the streams so as to render them impassible. I was thus prevented from meeting my appointments in Lunenburg and at Lawrenceville. During my detention at Stony Point, I was not unemployed. Much solicitude was expressed to have religious services during my stay. There was, indeed, no Church edifice in the vicinity. But a Tobacco Factory, belonging to Mr. Palmore, afforded a spacious room, which was soon purified and put in order for the oc-

casion. With a "twisting table" for a desk, and packing boxes in abundance for seats, we managed to forget the singular circumstances of our accommodation, and united in our solemn services, where they had never before been performed, and with many persons who had never witnessed the manner of our worship. On the morning of the 10th, I preached to a very attentive congregation—and, in the afternoon, I officiated for the coloured people.

By rapidly retracing my steps to Richmond, passing over, the same evening, to Petersburg, and making an early start the next morning, I was enabled to reach Sapony Church, in time to meet the appointment there.

May 13—I preached in Sapony Church, and confirmed 2 persons.

May 15—I consecrated Emanuel Church, Sussex. The sentence of consecration was read by the Rector. Morning Service by the Rev. Mr. Castleman, aided by the Rev. Mr. Berger. Sermon by myself.

In reviewing this statement, it will be perceived that the number confirmed does not equal that of the years immediately preceding. I do not regard this as unequivocal evidence of a decline in religion, but, unquestionably, it ought to lead us to careful examination, earnest prayer, and increased effort. More may, and more ought to be, effected than we have yet been privileged to report. If, in the faithful discharge of our several duties, we seek and expect greater things, we shall not be disappointed. God will give his blessing, and crown us with prosperity.

The proceedings of the Standing Committee of the Diocese, for the past year, were then read, from the Journal, by the Rev. Mr. DANA.

The Rev. Mr. WOODBRIDGE presented the Report of the Executive Committee of the Diocesan Missionary Society, which was read as follows:

The Executive Committee of the Diocesan Missionary Society respectfully report that, since the last Convention, they have contributed to the support of *twenty* Missionaries; of whom one has left the Diocese, and three others have removed to parishes not needing missionary aid, leaving *sixteen* at present in the employment of the society. These are, the Rev. Mr. Tompkins, in Campbell; the Rev. Mr. Goodwin, in Mason; the Rev. Mr. Dame, in Pittsylvania, Henry and Franklin; the Rev. Mr. Withers, in Southampton and Sussex; the Rev. Mr. Bryant, in Botetourt; the Rev. Thos. Smith, in Wood; the Rev. Wm.

F. Lockwood, in Fauquier and Fairfax, the Rev. Mr. Walker, in Amherst; the Rev. Edmund Christian, in Charlotte; the Rev. Mr. Nelson, in Rockbridge; the Rev. Mr. McElroy, in Augusta; the Rev. Mr. Kinsolving, in Harrison; the Rev. Mr. Brown, in Jefferson and Berkeley; the Rev. Mr. McCabe, in Washington and Wythe; and the Rev. Messrs. Bolton and Duval, in the City of Richmond; of whom the two last are supported by the Churches there.

The account of their labors will be presented in their parochial reports. The sphere of their labor embraces about forty stations. In these stations, eight Churches have been already built, or are now in progress of erection; others are in contemplation, and old ones have been repaired.

Agreeably to the direction of the convention, the Committee have kept on hand a constant supply of Prayer Books and Tracts, from which liberal grants have been made during the past year. There have been distributed, altogether, 632 Prayer Books and 44,468 pages of Tracts. The additional expenditure of this department is small, compared with the great good effected. Indeed, we believe the aid thus afforded is greater than can be rendered in any other way by the same amount of means.

By the Treasurer's account, herewith submitted, it will be seen that the receipts, in the last twelve months, have been \$2673.34, and the disbursements \$2250.84, leaving, including the balance from last year, \$728.43 in the treasury. This will be required to meet appropriations already made viz: \$1045. Should the same number of Missionaries be employed next year, at least \$2,500 will be needed, in addition to what is now in the Treasury. But it is hoped and believed that a stronger Missionary corps will be in the field. Nor will we allow ourselves to doubt that the Diocese, in the good providence of God, will readily and cheerfully provide for their support. A glance at the destitution of the Western part of the State will show the necessity of exertion. There are but 20 Episcopal Clergymen West of the Blue Ridge, of whom 13 are in the Valley, leaving but *seven* West of the Alleghany; a part of the State containing forty-two counties and 260,000 souls. Here is a "field white already for the harvest," demanding the zeal and energy of youthful laborers, together with the matured wisdom and prudence of riper years and rich experience.

The record of the past affords strong encouragement for the future. As we look back, we thank God and take courage. In 1839, our receipts were but \$29.00. During the next three years, the average

number of Missionaries was *five*. In 1843, there were *ten*. In 1844, and '45, there were each year *thirteen*; and, during the last year, *twenty* have been assisted; and the receipts have been \$2,673 34. Yet, how inconsiderable are these contributions will appear from the fact, that they do not exceed fifty cents for each communicant in the Diocese.

The great want, however, is not *funds*, (for the Diocese has never refused what was asked,) but *men*,—faithful, laborious, heavenly-minded ambassadors for God. And we cannot but believe that there is a great want of faithfulness, on the part of parents as well as of Ministers, in this matter. Were a more careful attention bestowed upon the young, were they trained up for God and consecrated from their infancy to his service, we cannot but think that more would choose the Ministry for their profession. And we should see fewer instances of misdirected talents and energies wasted in the trifles and follies of the world.

Whole number of Prayer Books purchased,	1200
Distributed,	632
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On hand	568
Number of pages of Tracts purchased,	91,540
Distributed,	44,468
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On hand	47,072

*The Diocesan Missionary Society in account with William Williams, Treasurer.*

1845	Dr.	
May 24.	To cash paid Rev. Wm. H. Good, in full of his appropriation for past year,	\$50 00
26.	To cash paid Rev. S. D. Tompkins, Campbell county, on account of 4th quarter of his appropriation,	16 00
27.	To cash remitted Rev. J. B. Goodwin, Point Pleasant, Mason county, in full,	37 50
June 3.	To cash paid Jos. Gill, for 100 Prayer Books, and expenses,	21 00
July 1.	To cash paid draft of Rev. S. D. Tompkins, Campbell county, in full of his appropriation,	21 50
2.	To cash paid Rev. E. B. McGuire, Greenville county, in full of his appropriation,	37 50
5.	To cash remitted Rev. G. W. Dame, Danville, Pittsylvania county, in full,	37 50
	<i>Amount carried over,</i>	<hr/> \$221 00

<i>To amount brought over.</i>		\$221 0
To cash remitted Rev. J. P. Bausman, Hampton, in full,		37 5
To cash remitted Rev. E. Withers, Sussex county, 3d quarter.		37 5
To cash remitted Rev. Wm. Bryant, Buchanan, Botetourt county, 1st quarter,		50 0
To cash remitted Rev. Thomas Smith, Parkersburg, Wood county, 1st quarter,		50 0
To cash remitted Rev. Wm. F. Lockwood, Fairfax county, 1st quarter,		25 0
To cash remitted Rev. W. E. Webb, Henry county, 1st quarter,		25 0
To cash remitted Rev. S. D. Tompkins, Campbell county, 1st quarter,		37 50
16. To cash paid draft of Rev. W. H. Good, Jefferson county, in full,		25 00
To cash remitted Rev. Cornelius Walker, Amherst county, one half his appropriation,		50 00
24. To cash remitted Rev. Edward Christian, Charlotte county, 1st quarter,		25 00
Sept. 1. To cash remitted Rev. Robert Nelson, Lexington, Rockbridge county, one-half his appropriation,		50 00
11. To cash remitted Rev. Jas. McElroy, Staunton, for first 6 months,		50 0
To cash remitted Rev. Wm. H. Good, further appropriation for last year.		25 0
26. To cash remitted Rev. J. B. Goodwin, Point Pleasant, Mason county, for Prayer Books,		10 0
To cash paid Jos. Gill, for Prayer Books, \$21, and \$1 75.		22 7
27. To cash paid Rev. Wm. Duval, Missionary in Richmond, to be made up by collections in the city,		10 0
Oct. 21. To cash remitted Rev. Wm. Bryant, Buchanan, 2d quarter.		50 0
To cash remitted Rev. Thomas Smith, Parkersburg, 2d quarter,		50 0
To cash remitted Rev. W. F. Lockwood, Prince William, 2nd quarter.		25 0
To cash remitted Rev. S. D. Tompkins, Campbell county, 2d quarter,		37 50
To cash remitted Rev. O. A. Kinsolving, Clarksburg, Harrison county, for first half year,		50 0
16. To cash paid Rev. S. D. Tompkins, Campbell county, by Bishop Johns, out of collection in his Church,		15 0
<i>To amount carried up.</i>		\$1.068 7

<i>To amount brought up,</i>		\$1,068 75
To cash paid Rev. G. W. Dame, Danville, by same,		13 00
v. 3. To cash paid draft of Rev. S. D. Tompkins, Campbell county,		37 50
12. To cash paid Rev. W. E. Webb, in full,		75 00
27. To cash paid Jos. Gill, for Prayer Books,		21 00
18. To cash remitted Rev. Jas. McElroy, Staunton, Augusta county, 3d quarter,		25 00
To cash remitted Rev. E. Christian, Charlotte county, 2d quarter,		25 00
i.		
1. To cash paid draft of Rev. S. D. Tompkins, Campbell county, in full,		22 50
5. To cash remitted Rev. Wm. Bryant, Buchanan, 3d quarter,		50 00
To cash remitted Rev. J. B. Goodwin, Point Pleasant, Mason county, in full,		58 00
To cash remitted Rev. G. W. Dame, Danville, Pittsylvania county, balance of 1st quarter,		24 50
15. To cash remitted Rev. Thos. Smith, Parkersburg, Wood county, 3d quarter,		50 00
To cash remitted Rev. W. F. Lockwood, Prince William county, 3d quarter,		25 00
27. To cash paid Rev. Wm. Duval, Richmond, out of funds collected in that city,		30 00
h. 7. To cash remitted Rev. Edmund Christian, Charlotte county, 3d quarter,		25 00
ch 5. To cash remitted Rev. Edmund Withers, Sussex county, 4th quarter,		37 50
6. To cash remitted Rev. Thos. Smith, Parkersburg, Wood county, 4th quarter,		50 00
16. To cash paid Jos. Gill, for 100 Prayer Books,		16 00
11. To cash remitted Rev. Jas. McElroy, Staunton, Augusta county, 4th quarter,		25 00
To cash remitted Rev. O. A. Kinsolving, Clarksburg, Harrison county, in full,		50 00
To cash remitted Rev. C. Walker, New Glasgow, Amherst county, in full,		50 00
To cash remitted Rev. Rob't. Nelson, Lexington, Rockbridge county, in full,		50 00
To cash remitted Rev. Wm. F. Lockwood, Haymarket, Prince William county, 4th quarter,		25 00
25. To cash remitted Rev. Edmund Withers, Sussex county, 1st quarter of new appropriation,		50 00
To cash remitted Rev. R. T. Brown, Charlestown, Jefferson county, 1st quarter,		50 00
<i>To amount carried over,</i>		<u>\$1,951 75</u>



*To amount brought over,*

30. To cash remitted Rev. Wm. Bryant, Buchanan,  
Botetourt county, 4th quarter,  
April 7. To cash remitted Rev. G. W. Dame, Danville,  
Pittsylvania county, 2d quarter,  
17. To cash paid Rev. Jas. D. McCabe, Abingdon,  
Washington county, 1st quarter.  
23. To cash paid draft of Rev. Thos. Smith, Parkers-  
burg, appropriation to him for Prayer Books,  
30. To cash paid Rev. Wm. Duval, Richmond, out of  
collections in the City Churches,  
May 6. To cash paid Jos. Gill, for 500 Prayer Books,  
18. To cash paid Jos. Gill, expenses on Tracts,  
To balance for cash in hand,

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- May 21. By balance, per account rendered at Conven-  
tion, in Fredericksburg,  
By cash from Trinity Church, Portsmouth, per  
Rev. J. H. Wingfield,  
By cash from Children of St. Paul's Sunday  
School, Alexandria,  
By cash from Miss Landonia Randolph, Chas.  
City,  
By cash from Christ Church, Norfolk, per Rev.  
U. Beall,  
By cash from Church at Culpeper Ct. House,  
By cash from Church at Mechanicsville,  
By cash from St. James' Church, Culpeper  
county,  
By cash from Mrs. Elizabeth Adams, Cumber-  
land Parish,  
By cash from Robert A. Atkinson, Cumber-  
land Parish,  
By cash from Roger B. Atkinson, Cumberland  
Parish,  
By cash from Mrs. Lucy A. Locke, Cumber-  
land Parish,  
By cash from a family of St. Stephen's Church,  
Culpeper,  
By cash from Hungar's Parish, Northampton,  
By cash from Trinity Church, Portsmouth,  
By cash from St. John's Church, Hampton,  
By cash from Church at Smithfield,  
By cash from St. Paul's Church, King George  
county,

*By amount carried up,*

<i>By amount brought up,</i>	\$574 43
By cash from W. B. Harrison, Prince George county,	10 00
By cash from Mrs. Wilcox, Prince George county,	4 00
By cash from St. Paul's Church, Lynchburg,	77 69
By cash from Albemarle Parish, Sussex co.,	5 00
By cash from Dr. James Bolton, Monumental Church,	5 00
By cash from Nelson Parish, Nelson county,	25 00
By cash from Dale and Genito Parishes,	9 00
By cash from Christ Church, Alexandria,	15 00
By cash from Cassius F. Lee, Alexandria,	10 00
By cash from Mr. H. Cabanis, Antim Parish,	2 00
By cash from Miss Eliza Leigh, Antrim Parish,	1 50
By cash from Mrs. E. A. Clark, Antrim Parish,	10 00
By cash from Mrs. Eliza Bruce, Antim Parish,	15 00
By cash from Miss Catharine Holt, Antrim Parish,	1 00
By cash from Mr. R'd. Logan, Antrim Parish,	3 00
By cash from Rev. John Grammer, do	10 00
By cash from Miss Mary J. Smith, do	1 00
By cash from Mrs. Elvina A. Bruce, do	30 00
By cash from Mrs. Mary Bailey, do	5 00
By cash from Mrs. Rebecca Leigh, do	1 00
By cash from Mrs. E. S. Early, do	1 00
By cash from Mrs. Maria E. Grammer, do	2 50
By cash from Mrs. Ann S. Coleman, do	5 00
By cash from Mrs. T. G. Coleman, do	30 00
By cash from Mrs. Wm. Galt, Fluvanna co.,	10 00
By cash from Christ Church, Albemarle co.,	18 81
By cash from Mrs. Jane H. Garland, Amherst co.,	2 00
By cash from Christ Church, Charlottesville,	2 50
By cash from Miss L. W. Randolph, Brunswick county,	2 00
By cash from Mrs. Mary A. Jones, Brunswick,	2 00
By cash from Roanoke Parish, Halifax co.,	60 00
By cash from St. Martin's Parish, Hanover co.,	52 50
By cash from Mrs. Wm. Ruffin, Surry co.,	1 00
By cash from Mrs. John R. Gwynn, Urbanna,	1 00
By cash from Potetourt Parish, Potetourt co.,	12 00
By cash from Woodville Parish, Rockbridge county,	4 00
By cash from St. Stephen's Church, Fauquier county,	4 87
<i>By amount carried over,</i>	<hr/> \$1.325 77

- By amount brought over,* **\$1,**
- By cash from Church at Fairfax court-house,  
 29. By cash from a lady, St. Paul's Church, Norfolk,  
 July 2. By cash from Mrs. Amelia Goodwin, Greenville, per Rev. E. B. McGuire,  
 By cash from Christ Church, Charlottesville, by Bishop Johns,  
 By cash from Walker's Church, Albemarle, by Bishop Johns,  
 By cash from Mrs. John Coles, Albemarle, by Bishop Johns,  
 5. By cash from Mr. Robert L. Randolph, Fauquier county,  
 By cash from Rev. Geo. Lemmon, Fauquier county,  
 21. By cash from Christ Church, Winchester, per Rev. W. V. Pecker,  
 By cash from Rev. G. W. Dame, for Prayer Books,  
 Aug. 15. By cash from Meade Parish, Fauquier county, by Rev. Wm. M. Jackson,  
 18. By cash from Wickliffe Parish, Clarke county, by Rev. R. H. Wilmer,  
 Sept. 26. By cash from St. Andrew's Parish, by Bishop Johns,  
 By cash from Netterne Parish, by Bishop Johns,  
 Oct. 12. By cash from St. Paul's Church, Lynchburg, by Rev. W. H. Kinelle,  
 By cash from Leeds Parish, Fauquier county, by Rev. W. H. Pendleton,  
 27. By cash from weekly offerings of Christ Church, Richmond, for City Missions,  
 By cash from collection at St. James' Church, Richmond, for City Missions,  
 Nov. 1. By cash from Church at Wheeling, by Bishop Meade,  
 By cash from Church in Kanawha county, by Bishop Meade,  
 By cash from St. John's Church, Campbell county, by Bishop Johns,  
 By cash from Church, in Pittsylvania county, by Bishop Johns,  
 By cash from Church in Danville, by Bishop Johns,  
 By cash from Antrim Parish, Halifax county, by Bishop Johns,

*By amount carried up,*

**\$1,**

	<i>By amount brought up,</i>	\$1,872 41
	By cash from St. Paul's Church, Lühenburg county, by Bishop Johns,	12 67
	By cash from Old Church, Mecklenburg co., by Bishop Johns,	12 00
	By cash from St. Andrew's Church, Mecklen- burg co., by Bishop Johns,	10 00
	By cash from St. Stephen's Bedford co., by Rev. Mr. Marbury, proceeds of ear-rings and breast-pin,	3 00
	By cash from Bishop Johns, donors unknown,	1 23
	4. By cash from Roanoke Parish, by Rev. J. T. Clark,	50 00
	13. By cash from Missionary Society of Theologi- cal Seminary of Virginia,	20 00
	22. By cash from Churches in Amherst co, by Rev. C. Walker,	20 00
Dec-	17. By cash from Farnham Parish, by Rev. Wm. N. Ward,	5 35
	By cash from Cople Parish, by Rev. Wm. N. Ward,	5 75
	By cash from Lunenburg Parish, by Rev. Wm. N. Ward,	8 90
1846.		
Jan.	27. By cash from St. Peter's Church, Fort Royal, by Rev. Wm. Friend,	15 00
	By cash from St. John's, King George court- house, by Rev. Wm. Friend,	15 00
Feb.	3. By cash collected by Bishop Johns, in Church at Millwood,	45 18
	By cash collected by Bishop Meade in Abing- don and Ware Parishes,	18 88
	By cash from Mrs. John Tabb, Gloucester, by Rev. C. Mann,	16 00
	By cash from Dr. J. P. Tabb, Gloucester, by Rev. C. Mann,	5 00
	By cash from Mrs. J. P. Tabb, Gloucester, by Rev. C. Mann,	5 00
	6. By cash from Mrs. Jane J. Minge, by Rev. C. J. Gibson,	4 00
	By cash from Mrs. James Robertson, by Rev. C. J. Gibson,	1 00
	12. By cash from Church in Lancaster co., by Bishop Meade,	5 00
March	23. By cash from St. Ann's and Farnham Parishes,	46 25
	25. By cash for Int. from Citizen's Savings Bank,	10 19
	28. By cash from Church at Millwood, by Dr. Ro. C. Randolph,	57 54
	<i>By amount carried over,</i>	<hr/> \$2,259 35

	<i>By amount brought over,</i>	<b>\$2,259 35</b>
30.	By cash for premium received on the above, being a check on New York,	79
April 2.	By cash from St. George's Church, Fredericksburg, by Rev. E. C. McGuire,	25 00
5.	By cash from collection in St. Paul's Church, Richmond, for City Missions,	41 1 81
	By cash from Miss Ellen Mordecai, Richmond; per Rev. Wm Duval,	2 50
15.	By cash from St. Margaret's Church, Caroline county, by Bishop John's,	13 91
18.	By cash from Christ Church, Millwood, by Dr. Randolph,	6 00
20.	By cash from Rev. Wm. Duval, for Prayer Books,	1 80
22.	By cash from Mrs. Jaqueline Marshall, Leeds Parish, per Rev. W. H. Pendleton,	10 00
	By cash from Mrs. Jaqueline Marshall, for Jewish Missions,	10 00
30.	By cash from a member of St. Paul's Church, Richmond,	1 50
May 4.	By cash from Christ Church, Norfolk, by Bishop Johns,	62 86
	By cash from St. Paul's Church, Norfolk, by Bishop Johns,	35 41
	By cash from Bruton Parish, Williamsburg, by Bishop Johns,	20 50
	By cash from St. John's Church, Hampton, by Bishop Johns,	15 85
	By cash from Trinity Church, Portsmouth, by Bishop Johns,	35 19
	By cash from St. Paul's Church, Suffolk, by Bishop Johns,	30 00
	By cash from Monumental Church, Richmond, per Rev. Geo. Woodbridge,	33 24
16.	By cash from Rev. Wm. Duval, for Prayer Books,	1 50
18.	By cash from Jos. Gill, for Tracts sold,	2 13
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		<b>\$2978 27</b>
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May 19.	By balance for cash in hand, E. E.	<b>\$727 43</b>

WILLIAM WILLIAMS, *Treasurer.*

*Richmond, 19th May, 1846.*

The Report of the Trustees of the Funds, for the support of Widows and Orphans, was also read by the Rev. Mr. Woodbridge, as follows :

f the Trustees of the Fund, for the relief of the Widows  
is of deceased Clergymen, in the Diocese of Virginia.

tees of the Fund, for the relief of the Widows and Orphans  
Clergymen in the Diocese of Virginia, report : That, since  
vention, they have collected a note due the Fund, dated,  
841, for \$273.50; also \$350, on account of a note for \$660,  
pt. 1833; together \$623.50; which they have paid to the  
Orphans' Society, in liquidation of arrears of interest, as  
previous Conventions :

also collected for interest on the above note	
for \$273 50	\$62 20
4 years to 20th April 1845, on note for \$200,	48 00
3 months, to 1st Sept. 1845, on bond for \$800,	24 00
n 147 shares Stock in Farmers' Bank of Alex-	
andria,	367 00
" 4 shares Stock in Bank of Potomac,	20 00
" 1 share do in Bank of Virginia,	3 20
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	\$525 20
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ey have paid to the Widows and Orphans Society, agreea-  
olution of the Convention in 1837.

now consists of

Stock, in Farmers' Bank of Alexandria, at par,	\$7,350 00
do in Bank of Potomac,	400 00
do in Bank of Virginia,	100 00
of \$800 each, dated 1st March 1845, one	
months, and the other at 12 months. In-	
n the 6 month's bond, for the first 6 months.	1,600 00
ted 20th April 1841, payable on demand, on	
st has been paid to 20th April 1845, and the	
olds acceptance, believed to be good, for \$150,	
of the principal,	200 00
f note for \$600 and bearing interest, from 23d	
\$246 98; deduct interest which has occurred	
since May 1838, appropriated by a Resolution	
ention of 1837, to the Widows and Orphans	
36 63	10 35

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\$9,660 35

nce of arrears of interest due Widows and Or-  
Society,

230 05

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\$9,430 30

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. WILLIAMS *Treasurer.*

WM. H. HUBBARD,

THOMAS NELSON.

} *Trustees.*

RICHMOND, 19th May, 1846

The account of the Treasurer of the Diocese was presented and referred to the appropriate Standing Committee.

The Convention then took a recess until after Divine Service.

1 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Convention again assembled, and the Bishop announced the following Standing Committees:

ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

Rev. A. Empie, D. D.,

John Grammer,

E. C. McGuire, D. D.;

W. Sparrow, D. D.,

J. H. Wingfield,

C. Mann,

E. Boyden,

W. Norwood,

Messrs. J. Prentiss,

T. H. Claggett,

Philip Williams,

W. S. Armistead,

E. T. Tayloe,

A. Twyman,

D. May,

J. A. Smith.

ON FINANCE.

Messrs. E. Fontaine,

D. May,

Wm. H. Fowle,

Tazewell Taylor.

Wm. Radford.

ON THE EPISCOPAL FUND.

Rev. C. B. Dana,

W. Friend,

J. P. McGuire,

Messrs. W. H. Fowle,

W. Pollock,

D. W. Barton.

ON ACCOUNTS OF THE TREASURER OF THE DIOCESAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Rev. G. Woodbridge,

J. H. Morrison,

W. Hodge,

Messrs. E. A. Morrison,

R. B. Atkinson,

G. M. Carrington.

ON PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Rev. J. Cole,

W. N. Ward,

W. V. Bowers,

Messrs. G. Coleman,

W. Radford,

W. H. Richardson.

ON ADMISSION OF NEW PARISHES.

Rev. J. T. Clark,

C. Mann,

U. Beall,

Messrs. G. M. Carrington,

N. Page,

J. C. newning.

ON WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

Rev. J. P. McGuire,

C. Minnigerode,

G. Mann,

Messrs. J. R. Purdie.

J. Murdaugh,

W. Radford.

The reading of Parochial Reports was then commenced and continued until half past 2, when the Convention took a recess until half past 4, and, on re-assembling, the reading of Parochial Reports was resumed and completed.

On motion, it was

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the Committee, to whom was assigned the duty of obtaining legal protection for the religious, benevolent and literary institutions of the Church in Virginia.

*Resolved*, further, that the said Committee be authorized, if it be deemed expedient, to continue their exertions to effect the desired object, employing such means as shall seem to them most eligible for the purpose.

A communication was received from J. D. TOWNES, Esq., inviting the members of the Convention to visit, at their pleasure, his Reading Room, and on motion it was

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Convention be tendered to Mr. TOWNES, for his polite and hospitable invitation.

The Convention then adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

FRIDAY, 22d MAY, 1846.

The Convention assembled at 9 o'clock, A. M., and was opened with prayer by the Rt. Rev. the Assistant Bishop.

The Rev. MESSRS. TEMPLE, KINCKLE, R. H. WILMER and G. T. WILMER appeared and took their seats.

Additional Parochial Reports were received and read.

An application for admission into the Diocese by the Parish of Wytheville, in the county of Wythe, was received and referred to the appropriate Committee.

On motion of Mr. FOWLE, who supported them by a brief statement, from personal examination of the advantages of the High School, the following Resolutions were adopted:

Whereas the effort of the Trustees of the Seminary, at the last Convention, to revive the Episcopal High School, was promptly and liberally responded to by both Clergy and Laity;

And whereas, under arrangements then made, the institution has been in operation for a period sufficiently long to justify an expression of opinion, and whereas, it is important to its interests that an expression of such opinion be had;

*Resolved*, That this Convention has entire confidence in the Episco-



per High School of the Diocese, under charge of Rev. E. A. Duple, as calculated to elevate as well the literary, as the religious, character of its youth.

*Resolved*, That the institution be earnestly and cordially commended to the favourable consideration of the friends of the Church.

Rev. Mr. Woodbridge, from the Committee appointed to examine the accounts of the Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Society made the following Report :

The Committee, appointed to examine the accounts of the Diocesan Missionary Society, respectfully report that they have examined the same and find them correct, and sustained by proper vouchers.

GEO. WOODBRIDGE

The Rev. J. P. McGUIRE, from the Committee on Widows and Orphans Fund, made the following Report :

The Committee, to which was referred the account of the Treasurer of the fund for the relief of the Widows and Orphans of deceased clergymen, having examined the same, find it correct.

J. P. McGUIRE

The Convention re-assembled at 2 o'clock.

The Rev. R. K. Meade appeared and took his seat.

J. W. Gantt, delegate from St. Ann's Parish, Albemarle, appeared and took his seat.

On motion, the Report of the Select Committee upon the amendment of the 7th canon, made at the last Convention, and the consideration of which was postponed until the present session, was taken, and, after some discussion, the 7th Section was so amended as to read as follows : "When the trial shall be gone through, the council declare, in a writing to be signed by the several members, or a majority of them, their decision on the charges contained in the present indictment, distinctly stating whether they find the accused guilty or not guilty, and what punishment shall be awarded if guilty, and shall forward their decision, together with the evidence and a record of the proceedings, to the Bishop. Whereupon the Bishop shall pronounce sentence according to the finding of the council, and such sentence shall be executed. But the Bishop may mitigate or remit the punishment : or may grant a new trial, if desired by the accused, in which case a new council shall be convened, before which the proceedings shall be conducted as before provided—provided, that not more than two new trials shall be granted to the accused.

**Mr. FONTAINE** presented the Report of the Committee on Finance, as follows:

The Committee of Finance, having had under consideration the several subjects their duty requires them to attend to, make the following Report:

That the account of William H. Hubbard, Esq., Treasurer of the Diocese, (marked A.) is sustained by proper vouchers, from which it appears that there was in his hands, May 19th, 1846, a balance of	\$815 52
The contributions from the Parishes and Churches, due for the year ending 20th of May, 1846, amount to the sum of (see statement B.)	4,145 87
The amount received for delinquencies of the years 1844 and 1845 is (see statement C.)	23 25
The sum of \$10 was paid by the Treasurer pro tem. of the last Convention, on account of an error in the addition of his account, (see statement B.)	10 00
<b>Making an aggregate, applicable to the expenses of the current year, amounting to</b>	<b>\$4,994 64</b>
<b>Paid after the above was closed,</b>	<b>32 91</b>
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	<b>\$5,027 55</b>

The amount remaining delinquent for the year, ending May 21st, 1845, after correcting some errors in the last Report, and crediting the cash paid, is (see statement D.)

\$324 85

The amount of delinquencies for the year, ending 20th of May, 1846, is (see statement E.)

436 86

The Parishes which have made no return will be seen by reference to statement F.

The whole amount of delinquencies for the year 1844 remaining unpaid, and the amount for the present year and for 1845, being probably more than ever will be paid, your Committee believe it would be altogether delusive, to regard this fund as available. The Committee, however, recommends the adoption of the Resolution with which this Report closes, trusting that the lenity of the Convention will not encourage any future failure to comply with a demand, which, operating on Christian men, should not be less binding, in the absence of a power to enforce its obligation.

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer be instructed to call on the Delinquent Parishes for the payment of the sums due to the Contingent Fund of the Convention.

**E. FONTAINE, Chairman.**

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*The Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Virginia in account with William H. Hubbard, Treasurer.*

1845.

Dr.

May 27.	To cash paid B. M. Miller, Secretary's draft favor B. B. Minor, balance of bill for printing, binding, &c. of Journal of the Convention of 1844,	receipt, No. 1,	25 00	
	To cash paid Bishop Meade, on account of salary for the present year,	" 2,	500 00	
	To cash paid Lewis Burke, for services as door keeper at Convention,	" 3,	10 00	
28.	To cash paid Bishop Johns, viz: Balance of travelling expenses, for year ending May 21st, 1845,		103 25	
	on account of salary for 1845,	400 00 "	4,	503 25
June 20.	To cash paid Bishop Meade, viz: Balance of salary for present year,	500 00		
	travelling expenses, post-ages and printing,	165 00 "	5,	665 00
23.	To cash paid Wm. M. Blackford's dft. favor B. B. Minor, on account of Printing,	" 6,	200 00	
July 7.	To cash paid Bishop Johns, viz: on account of salary for present year,	400 00		
	travelling expenses to date, 44 00 "	7,	444 00	
29.	To cash paid Wm. M. Blackford's dft. favor B. B. Minor, on account of printing,	" 8,	250 00	
Sept. 26.	To cash paid Bishop Johns, viz: on account of salary for present year,	200 00		
	on account of travelling expenses,	50 00 "	9,	250 00
Nov. 2.	To cash paid Bishop Johns, on account of salary for present year, 400 00			
	on account of travelling expenses,	22 00 "	10,	422 00
Dec. 5.	To cash paid Bishop Johns, on account of salary for present year,	" 11,	350 00	
31.	To cash paid Bishop Johns, in full for balance of his salary for present			

*To amount carried up,*

\$3,619 25

	<i>To amount brought up,</i>		\$3,619 25
	<i>year, ending May, 1846,</i>	250 00	
	<i>on account of travelling</i>		
	<i>expenses,</i>	20 00 "	12, 270 00
1846.			
Apr. 14.	To cash paid Bishop Johns, on account of postages and travelling expenses,	"	13, 50 00
May 19.	To cash paid sundry postages during the year,		50
	To balance on hand, viz: balance in Savings' Institution,	681 65	
	balance in Bank and in hand,	133 87	815 52
			<u>\$4,755 27</u>
1845.		C.R.	
May 19.	By balance on hand, per account rendered,		\$17 13
27.	By amount received per hands of Wm. Williams, Esq., from Edmund Fontaine, Esq., Treasurer, pro. tem. of Convention at Fredericksburg, viz:		
	Bishop Meade's receipt \$500, Lewis Burke's receipt, \$10,	510 00	
	Check on Farmer's Bank at Fredericksburg,	4,108 49	4,618 49
	(Note.—Of this amount \$85 05 was on account of old delinquencies, and \$4,533 44 for Contingent Fund for 1845, '46.)		
28.	By cash received, per letter from W. M. Plackford, Secretary of Convention at Fredericksburg, for Contingent Fund, viz: for Bath Parish, \$20, for Delinquent Parishes, \$14,		34 00
July 10.	By cash received, per Rev. J. S. Marbury, on account of Delinquency from Russell Parish, Bedford county,		8 00
1846.			
Feb. 5.	By cash received from Christ Church, Middlesex county, delinquency 1844,		3 00
16.	By cash received from Cumberland Parish, delinquency 1845,		7 00
May 19.	By amount of interest from Savings' Institution, to June 1st, 1846, on cash deposited,		67 65
	<i>By amount carried over,</i>		<u>\$4,755 27</u>
	(Note.—There is a deficiency* of ten dollars (\$10,) between the amount received per hands of William Williams, Esq., from Edmund Fontaine, Treasurer pro.		

*By amount brought over,* \$4,755 27  
 tem. of Convention, (\$4,618 49,) as per account above,  
 and the amount reported in the Journal of the Convention,  
 (page 46,) as paid to the Contingent Fund, (\$4,628 49.)  
 \*Paid—see account of Treasurer pro. tem. for 1846.

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\$4,755 27

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May 19. By balance in hand,  
 E. E.

\$615 02

WM. H. HUBBARD, *Treas.*

(B)

*Contingent Fund in account with Tazewell Taylor, Treasurer pro. tem.*

Christ Church, Norfolk,	\$350 00
Trinity Church, Shepherdstown,	50 00
Elizabeth City Parish, St. John's, Hampton,	41 00
Trinity Church, Portsmouth, (in part,)	43 72
St. Paul's Church, Suffolk,	36 06
St. John's Church, Chuckatuck,	11 06
St. James' Parish, Mecklenburg,	67 00
Westover Parish, Charles City,	30 00
Hungar's Parish, Northampton,	54 00
Roanoke Parish, Halifax,	20 00
Antrim Parish, Halifax,	57 00
Christ Church, Lancaster, (for 1846,)	29 00
“ “ (delinquency 1845,)	9 00
Lunenburg Parish, Richmond county	15 00
Farnham Parish, Richmond county,	10 00
Cople Parish, Westmoreland,	13 50
Centurion Church, Fort Monroe,	18 00
St. George's Parish, Fredericksburg,	150 00
Albemarle Parish, Sussex,	15 00
St. George's Parish, Accomac, (in part,)	25 00
Christ Church, Middlesex,	11 00
Christ Church, Middlesex	3 00
Leeds Parish, Prince William,	34 00
Dettingen Parish, Prince William,	20 00
Shelburne Parish, Loudoun,	72 00
Cash from Mrs. Anna Gray, Rockingham county, by Thomas H. Claggett,	1 00
St. Ann's Parish, Essex,	27 00
Grace Church, Caroline	21 00
St. Peter's Church, Port Royal,	27 00
St. Martin's Parish, Hanover, (in part,)	53 00
Tillotson Parish, Buckingham,	29 00
St. Paul's Parish, King George,	25 00

*To amount carried up,*

\$1,361 22

<i>To amount brought up,</i>		\$1,361 23
Lynnhaven Parish, Princess Anne, (in part,)		13 00
St. Stephen's Church, Cedar Run Parish, Fauquier,		10 00
Zion Church, Truro Parish, Fairfax,		14 00
Bath Parish, Dinwiddie,		38 00
Leeds Parish, Fauquier,		29 00
St. Thomas' Parish, Orange,		67 00
Bloomfield Parish, Madison,		11 00
St. Thomas' Church, Middletown, Frederick,		20 00
Bruton Parish, Williamsburg, (in part,)		47 00
St. Andrews' Parish, Brunswick,		23 00
St. Paul's, Alexandria,		151 00
Littleton Parish, Cumberland,		39 00
St. Stephen's Church, Culpeper,		21 67
St. Paul's Church, Norfolk,		130 00
Cumberland Parish, Lunenburg, (1846,)	18 75	
" " (deficiency 1845,)	3 25	22 00
Monumental Church, Richmond,		138 00
Christ Church, Winchester, (for 1846,)	81 00	
" " (deficiency 1845,)	11 00	92 00
Grace Church, Petersburg,		34 23
St. David's Parish, King William,		7 00
St. John's Church, Hanover Parish, King George,		14 00
South Farnham Parish, Essex,		33 00
St. James', Northam, Goochland and Fluvanna,		38 00
Rockfish and North Garden Churches, Albemarle, (in part,)		11 00
St. Paul's Church, Lynchburg,		124 00
Raleigh, Genito and Dale Parishes,		45 00
Meade Parish, Fauquier,		26 50
Abingdon and Ware Parishes, Gloucester, (in part,)		25 00
St. Matthew's Church, Wheeling,		75 00
Trinity Church, Staunton,		78 50
St. Paul's Church, Petersburg,		230 00
Christ Church, Alexandria,		127 00
St. James' Church, Richmond,		123 00
Berkeley Parish and St. George's Parish, Spottsylvania,		65 50
Henrico Parish, St. John's Church,		57 00
Weston, Lewis,		2 00
St. Paul's Church, Richmond,		250 00
St. Paul's Parish, Hanover,		9 00
St. Ann's Parish, Albemarle,		27 00
Walker's Church, Albemarle,		24 00
St. Peter's Parish, New Kent,		13 00
Beaver Dam Church, Goochland, and Palmyra, Fluvanna,		17 00
Trinity Church, Parkersburg,		5 00
Newport Parish, Christ Church, Smithfield,		36 00
Green Spring Parish, Louisa,		7 00

*To amount carried over,*

\$3,725 62

<i>To amount brought over,</i>	<b>\$3,725 62</b>
Grace Church, Lexington,	<b>25 00</b>
Frederick Parish, Millwood, Clarke, paid by an order on	
Bishop Meade,	<b>60 00</b>
St. James' Church, St. Mark's Parish, Culpeper,	<b>23 00</b>
St. James', Southam, Powhatan, (in part,)	<b>21 00</b>
St. Martin's, Brandon Parish, Prince George,	<b>26 00</b>
Mt. Zion Church, Norborne Parish, Berkeley, (in part,)	<b>20 00</b>
St. Stephen's Church, Russell Parish, Bedford, 45 00	
Trinity Church, Russell Parish, Bedford, 17 00	<b>62 00</b>
Hamilton Parish, Fauquier, (in part,)	<b>25 00</b>
St. John's Church, City Point,	<b>7 00</b>
Holston Parish, Abingdon, 1844 and 1845,	<b>5 00</b>
E. Fontaine, Treasurer pro. tem. at last Convention,	
balance in his hands,	<b>10 00</b>
St. Ann's Parish, Albemarle,	<b>8 50</b>
Wickliffe Parish, Clarke,	<b>77 00</b>
Christ Church, Charlottesville,	<b>46 00</b>
Nelson Parish, Nelson,	<b>24 00</b>
Buck Mountain Parish, Albemarle,	<b>14 00</b>

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**\$4,179 12**

In the above sum of \$4,179 12, is included \$10, from  
Mr. Fontaine, late Treasurer pro. tem., and \$23 25  
for delinquencies,

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**33 25**

Making for contributions to Contingent Fund, for this  
year,

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**\$4,145 87**

E. E.

**TAZEWELL TAYLOR, *Treas. pro. tem.***

Received since the above was closed,  
West Russel Parish, Bedford,  
Moore Parish, Campbell,

**15 00**
**17 91**


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**32 91**

Amount previous,

**4,145 87**


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**\$4,178 78**

N. B.—After the account of the Treasurer pro. tem.  
was settled, the Treasurer received, from

Botetourt Parish, Botetourt,  
Woodville Parish, Botetourt and Rockingham,  
Camden Parish, Pittsylvania,  
Holston Parish, Washington co.,

**\$39 00**
**16 00**
**24 00**
**8 00**


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**\$87 00**

(C.)

Amount of money received from Parishes reported as delinquent at the last Convention.

Church, Lancaster,	\$9 00
Church, Winchester,	11 00
and Parish, Lunenburg,	3 25
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	\$23 25

Amount reported as due by Christ Church, Winchester, for 1845, was \$31, but the actual deficiency was but \$11, which aid.

Trin Parish, Greenville, was also erroneously reported as delinquents of last year. The total number of Communicants was 25, of whom, as now stated by the Rector, 12 were white and 13 were coloured, so that the sum of \$12, paid by this Parish in 1845, was its full quota.

(D.)

Delinquencies for the year ending May, 1845, and yet remaining unpaid.

and, Lunenburg,	\$17 00
Pittsylvania,	17 75
Church, Lancaster,	9 00
St. Margaret's, St. Margaret's Parish, Caroline,	11 00
Church, Petersburg,	21 50
Parish, Hardy,	30 00
Parish, Berkely,	67 00
Parish, Richmond co.,	9 40
Parish, Westmoreland,	5 50
Parish, Bedford,	36 00
Church, Smithfield,	35 00
St. Mark's Church, St. Mark's Parish, Culpeper,	15 70
Church, Wood,	24 00
Rev. Thomas Smith's Missionary Ground,	7 00
	5 00
and St. Ann's Parishes, Albemarle,	17 00
Parish, Trinity Church, Shepherdstown,	12 00
's Parish, Culpeper,	11 00
's Parish, Accomac,	9 00
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	\$359 85

Christ Church, Smithfield,

35 00

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\$324 85

Sum was received and credited, being paid in the name of



Newport Parish, in connection with Southwark, see Journal of 184 page 46. The Rector omitted to state that Christ Church, Smithfield was in Newport Parish,

E. FONTAINE, *Treas. pro. tem.*,  
of Convention of 1845,

(E.)

Parishes delinquent for the year ending 20th May, 1846.

Abingdon and Ware Parishes,	\$21 0
Bruton Parish, James City,	24 0
Boyden Parish, Augusta,	15 0
Cople Parish, Westmoreland,	4 5
Lunenburg Parish, do	4 0
Farnham do do	10 0
St. James' Church, Cumberland Parish, Lunenburg,	30 2
St. John's, Green Spring Parish, Louisa,	2 0
Lynnhaven Parish, Princess Anne,	7 0
Lexington Parish, Amherst,	102 0
Norborne Parish, Berkeley,	73 0
Trinity Church, Portsmouth Parish, Norfolk co.,	44 2
Trinity Church, Russel Parish, Bedford,	14 0
St. Stephen's Church, Russel Parish, Bedford,	10 0
St. George's Parish, Accomac,	9 0
St. Margaret's Church, St. Margaret's Parish, Caroline,	7 5
St. Mark's Parish, Culpeper,	8 3
St. Martin's Parish, Hanover,	15 0
Trinity Church, St. Andrew's Parish, Jefferson,	11 0
St. James' Church, Southam Parish, Powhatan,	6 0
Christ Church, Frederickville Parish, Albemarle,	19 0
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	\$436 8

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Parishes which have made no returns.

Bloomfield Parish, Madison.  
Brunswick Parish, Stafford.  
Brunswick Parish, King George.  
Camden Parish, Pittsylvania.  
St. Paul's Church, Cumberland and Lunenburg.  
Fall's Church, Fairfax Parish, Fairfax.  
Franklin Parish, Franklin.  
Haymarket Parish, Prince William.  
Kanawha Parish, Kanawha.  
Manchester Parish, Chesterfield.  
Meade Parish, Loudon.  
Moherrin Parish, Greensville.  
Nottoway Parish, Nottoway.  
Overwharton Parish, Stafford.  
Trinity Church, Russel Parish, Bedford.  
St. James' Parish, Prince William.

Southam Parish, Powhatan.

Zion Church, St. Andrew's Parish, Jefferson.

St. John's and Christ's Church, Brooke.

Trinity Parish, Louisa.

The Convention then adjourned, until to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

SATURDAY, 23d May, 1846.

The Convention met, pursuant to adjournment, at 9 o'clock, A. M. by the Rt. Rev. the Assistant Bishop.

The Rev. Mr. DANA, from the Committee on the Episcopal Fund, presented the following Report:

The Committee on the "Episcopal Fund" have performed the duty assigned them, and beg leave to present to the Convention the following statement, which they have received from the Wardens of Christ Church, Alexandria, D. C., as their Report.

CHARLES B. DANA, *Chairman*.

The Trustees of the Bishop's Fund report that, since the last Convention, they have with the cash on hand unemployed as last reported, \$1800 00 dividends received from the Bank of Potomac, and Farmer's Bank of Alexandria, purchased six shares of the Stock of the Bank of the Valley in Virginia, and have on hand three hundred and ninety-eight dollars and seventy-five cents, to be invested in Stock of the Valley Bank, when it can be obtained.

The Bishop's Fund now consists in

17 Shares Farmer's Bank of Alexandria, D. C., par value	\$5,850 00
8 do Bank of Potomac, do	900 00
6 do Bank of the Valley in Virginia, do	600 00
Cash on deposit in the Bank of the Valley,	322 50
do do Farmers' Bank of Alexandria,	76 25

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\$7,748 75

At the Convention, in May, 1845, the amount of this Fund was \$7,388 75. Increase since that time \$360.

WASHINGTON C. PAGE,  
Church Warden, Christ Church,  
Alexandria.

ALEXANDRIA, May 18, 1846.

The Rev. Mr. WOODBRIDGE presented the following Report of the Trustees of the Theological Seminary:

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY OF  
THE DIOCESE OF VIRGINIA.

The Board have little to report concerning the state of the Semina-

ry different from the reports of former years. It is still highly prosperous. The blessing of God still eminently rests upon it. The duties of the Professors are faithfully discharged, and the students are diligently engaged in all those studies and preparatory exercises, which are fitted to make them useful and efficient ambassadors for God. The Church through all its borders is feeling its salutary influence.— Much as the Diocese has done to sustain this Institution, we feel that too much cannot be done. The highest and best hopes of our country, for time and eternity, are connected with it. It is a river the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God. The reports of the Professors show that the conduct and deportment of the students have been most satisfactory. The number of students is about 40. The vested funds of the Seminary now amount to nearly \$38,000. A few years more of care and faithful nurture, and a considerable effort on the part of the Diocese, will put the Institution on a permanent foundation.

But we trust that the friends of the Church will never feel themselves relieved from the duty of praying for it and watching over it in the Lord. Our help, in this department of our operations, is in the name of the Lord. Unless our students are baptized with the Holy Ghost, the Institution will prove a curse instead of a blessing. Unless they are sent by Christ, as He was sent by the Father, we would rather the Seminary should be prostrated in the dust. Brethren pray for them.

The High School, under the management and instruction of the Rev. Mr. Dalrymple, is growing in number and efficiency. We cannot but express our earnest hope that it will receive the warm patronage of all the friends of the Church. Its value as an auxiliary to the Seminary, in furnishing for that Institution well-trained youths, can hardly be too highly estimated. But its influence on the Laity will, we trust, be no less healthful. While it will train those for the Seminary who have chosen the Ministry for their profession, it will bring our youths, who among the Laity are to have a controlling influence upon the future destiny of the Church, under the most valuable moral and religious influences.

The Reports of the Professors and of the Principal of the High School, herewith submitted, will show the state of their various departments.

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REPORT OF THE PROFESSOR OF SYSTEMATIC DIVINITY.

I have substantially the same report to render to the Trustees of the

Theological Seminary, as in former years. The Junior, Middle and Senior Classes have, as usual, been more or less under my instruction; the first in the Evidences of Christianity; the second in Butler's Analogy and Knapp's Theology; the third in the Homilies and Bishop Burnet's Exposition of the Articles, with some additional matter on particular topics from other sources. The members of the several classes have read essays, some one on every occasion of recitation. The attendance of the students upon their class duties has been in most cases very good.

It may be proper also to state, that by their request I have taken the Senior class through a course of Logic, and, as preliminary to it, through a brief course of Philosophy; from which, even without a review of the subject a second time, they seem to think they derived benefit. This duty was voluntary with them, and additional to their regular recitations.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM SPARROW,

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#### REPORT OF THE PROFESSOR OF CHURCH HISTORY AND CHURCH POLITY.

The members of the Senior class have been regularly engaged in studying the History of the Church of England and Ecclesiastical Polity. They have gone through the usual course of English Church History, and are now reviewing the whole. In Ecclesiastical Polity, Hooker has been followed, and the Tract on "Episcopacy tested by Scripture." These studies have not been intermitted, except for the introduction of the annual course of lectures on Pastoral Theology, by the Bishop.

Sermons have been delivered weekly by this class, for criticism.

The members of the middle class have gone through the usual course of general ecclesiastical history, and are now engaged in review. The review is necessarily confined to portions of the history. The early centuries and that of the Reformation are those which are selected.

JAMES MAY.

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#### REPORT OF THE PROFESSOR OF BIBLICAL LITERATURE.

The Professor of Biblical Literature reports that, during the present session, the classes under his instruction have pursued the usual course of studies.

The Junior class, to whom his principal attention is given, have, with a constant study of the Grammar from first to last, read Stuart's

Hebrew Reader, together with 12 additional chapters in Genesis, and some 20 Psalms.

This class were engaged till Christmas in a grammatical study of the Greek, preparatory to that of the Gospels. They will finish the Harmony before the close of the session. They have also studied Jahn's Antiquities, Horne on the Old Testament, Ernesti on Interpretation. Nor have Jewish History and Sacred Chronology been neglected. Each member of this class has read three Exegetical Essays.

The Middle class have read in Hebrew the principal prophecies of Christ; and in Greek the Epistles to the Romans, Hebrews, Titus, and the two to Timothy.

The Senior class have read in Greek the Apocalypse and nearly finished the first Epistle to the Corinthians, and in Hebrews selected chapters.

#### J. PACKARD.

As Librarian, I would further report, that some books have been added to the Library, during the present year; among which is a copy of Dr. Thomas Jackson's works in 12 vols. Several books and volumes of newspapers of the Church need binding. A small appropriation for that object would be, in my opinion, important.

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#### REPORT OF THE RECTOR OF THE EPISCOPAL HIGH SCHOOL.

The Rector of the Episcopal High School of Virginia begs leave to present his first Report.

After my appointment to the post of Rector of the High School, made at the last Convention, I proceeded to resign my parochial charge in the counties of Hanover, &c. I repaired to Howard early in July last, to make the arrangements necessary for opening the School in the month of October.

In consequence of the long interval, (about a year,) that had elapsed since the resignation of the former Principal, during which time the buildings had been closed and unoccupied, repairs and out-fits had become necessary to an extent not at first contemplated. I was diligently employed, under the advice of your committee, in superintending these matters, until the time fixed for the opening of the school had arrived.

The arrangements were so far completed, as to enable me to open the doors of the Institution for the reception of students, on the 21st October last. The prospects of the success of the school continued to be very uncertain and undefined up to the very day of commencing.

Nine students were matriculated on the first day. This number continued the same for some weeks, but, by gradual accessions, increased to seventeen, with which number the first session closed, by a public examination, at the end of March last.

Several changes have been made in the plan and arrangements of the School, as well in its system of instruction, as in its internal economy. These changes are explained in the prospectus of the School, a copy of which is hereto appended. My observation of the practical working of these alterations has fully satisfied me of their necessity and importance; they have been examined by friends and patrons of the Institution, and, so far as any opinion has been expressed, have met with entire approbation.

The literary department of the School has been administered by myself and two assistants, both of whom are candidates for orders in this Diocese—gentlemen favorably known for their abilities as teachers and governors of youth, and their high moral and religious worth. I have myself, personally, devoted about seven hours daily to the business of instruction.

The religious department of the School has been under my sole charge. The students are assembled daily for morning and evening devotion, and for reading of the Holy Scriptures. On Sunday morning, they attend service in the Chapel of the Theological Seminary; on Sunday afternoon, they receive systematic instruction in the Bible class; and on Sunday night, a service and sermon are regularly had in the Chapel of the School. It affords me the highest gratification, to testify to the attentive and respectful demeanor of all the students at these various exercises. They have been attended, we trust, with the divine blessing. Two of our students, after due probation, during term, and one during vacation, have been admitted to the Holy Communion.

The domestic affairs and the personal comforts of the students, (in so far as they are of a character to need the attention of a lady,) are under the supervision of an experienced matron, well known for the efficient management of a similar post in the Theological Seminary of our Diocese.

In consequence of the small number of students, the revenue of the School was found inadequate, by a considerable amount, to meet the expenses of the first session. The monies received from students have been all expended, and a debt in addition of \$1,000 has been incurred, from the necessities of our situation.

In conclusion, I would respectfully and earnestly state my firm conviction, that the High School, if duly sustained, will be able ere long to answer the expectations of its friends, as to its usefulness to the cause of education, and the Church of Christ. By the divine blessing, I doubt not, the day will soon come, when it may be looked to as a nursery for those who are to act a faithful part and to labor efficiently for Christ's cause, not only in the Ministry, but also among the Laity of our beloved Diocese.

E. A. DALRYMPLE,  
*Rector of E. H. School of Va.*

The Rev. Dr. Empie, from the Committee on the State of the Church, presented the following Report :

The Committee on the state of the Church respectfully report that, judging from the evidences laid before them, the divine head of our Zion continues still, as heretofore, to visit this portion of his vineyard with his yearly and his constant blessing, and the Church in this Diocese is, therefore, called upon as usual for its annual tribute of gratitude and thanksgiving to Him who is "the author of every good and perfect gift." These indications of our outward and still increasing prosperity have been laid before us in the Episcopal and Parochial Reports; and, though there are some things that call for humiliation and sorrow, yet these favourable evidences are too numerous and too graphic in their details to need, or to derive, illustration or force from aught we can say.

We would, however, add here that we are especially called upon to raise our Ebenezer, (hitherto hath the Lord helped us,) because, notwithstanding the controversies that rend the peace of other Dioceses, our section of Zion is still "as a city that is at unity in itself," because there is substantial agreement among us in all important matters, both of Faith and Practice; because no attempted innovations are disturbing our repose; because we harmoniously unite in sustaining all the principles of Protestantism and the Gospel, as always held by our Church and taught in our standards; and because the Gospel is so preached among us, as ever to exalt the primary essential truths and duties of religion, and to give prominence to holiness of heart and life, while it assigns to all external means and ordinances a subordinate and auxiliary station in the system of Christianity: inasmuch as their entire efficacy, under grace and the divine atonement, depends exclusively upon the penitent and obedient faith and prayer of the worshipper. God grant

our internal peace and concord and spiritual prosperity may never be disturbed.

But, whatever causes of gratitude and of holy joy may at any time exist, knowing the frailty and depravity of human nature, we shall do well to remember that there are always some exceptions to such general rules; that the unsleeping efforts of our spiritual foes are not always effectually resisted by the unsleeping energies and vigilance of God's people; and that God always sees fit to test, more or less, the faith, patience and piety of his children, by a variety of trials, temptations and other evils. Thus, not only are we now, as a religious association, disfranchised and deprived of our common civil and constitutional rights as freemen, but the cause of education and of good morals, of charity and of piety, and, through these, the highest interests of civil society, are thwarted by the continued refusal of our State Legislature to grant us chartered privileges, though, under the most reasonable, nay, the most stringent restrictions. And, while the Church is thus impeded in her outward prosperity, and discouraged and hampered in her worldly arrangements to promote the cause of education, benevolence and piety—the highest interests of society and government—we hear also, here and there, of evils far more serious, because they are evils that affect, immediately, the religion of the heart, the honor of God, and the eternal interests of man.

The controversies of the day are unfavorable to piety. Many surrounding influences are hostile to the spirit of the Gospel, while an insidious world, ever countenanced by the natural heart, "prone to unbelief and sin," is constantly engaged in tempting young Christians especially into undue compliances; for alas, how easily do they forget, and how carelessly and criminally do some reason away, the precept of the Apostle, "Be ye not conformed to the world." Hence, one minister complains of comparative apathy among his people; another has ground to fear that some of his flock may be sinking into a state of religious declension. Some professors are said to manifest a disposition to relax their Christian vigilance and holy self-denial, and others, it is feared, have suffered themselves to be drawn into the vortex of worldly amusements and fashionable dissipation.

Upon this point, (as it is important that such evils should be noticed at the beginning,) your committee cannot but raise the voice of caution and of warning to all who profess the name of Christ. They need not appeal to the expressed opinion and solemn advice of the House of Bishops, and of our own Diocese, upon this subject. It should be enough



for Christians to remember what the Holy Scriptures teach in this matter. Having "foes without and foes within," who constantly "lie in wait to deceive," they caution us always to be on our guard against those enemies; to avoid temptations; not to thrust ourselves in their way—nay, to "watch and pray" that we fall not into them. And they solemnly enjoin it upon us, "Be ye not conformed to the world," for "the friendship of the world is enmity to God." And, this be it remembered, is not an austere system of self-denying duty that man has invented, but this is the rule of Him, who says, if we wish to be his disciples, we must "deny ourselves and take up our cross daily and follow him." And whatever ignorant persons, or formalists, or cold-hearted, or young and inexperienced Christians may think, the truth of these scriptural views is proved by the history of the Church, the history of true religion and of the human heart, and the testimony of Christians in all ages, who have given us the result of their own personal experience and observation.

Nor need we more than a knowledge of human nature to settle this point. Who can take fire into his bosom without being burned? Who ever frequently exposed himself, voluntarily and unnecessarily, to temptation without being contaminated. We are commanded not to love the world, but to set our affections on things above. Is familiarity with the seducing and corrupting pleasures of the world the proper means of weaning our hearts from the world? No—the *love of worldly pleasures* keeps millions away from God. It has drawn multitudes back from his service after they had already entered upon it. It is essentially hostile to piety, and it ultimately tends, inevitably, to undermine all the principles of holiness. Let all Christians, therefore, be warned to avoid the ensnaring and corrupting pleasures of the world.

In conclusion, your committee would make a passing remark, in reference to our form of (annual) prayer and thanksgiving to Almighty God, for the fruits of the earth, and the other blessings of his merciful Providence. As our civil authorities never call upon us to observe a day of yearly thanksgiving, there is reason to fear that it is too generally neglected by the Clergy of this Diocese. Certainly, the service is both appropriate and highly expedient. Certainly, good will be done by calling the attention of our people yearly to this interesting subject. Your committee, therefore, hope, that our hundred congregations will remember, every year, publicly to thank and pray to Almighty God, for the fruits of the earth and the other blessings of his merciful Providence.

A. EMPIE, *Chairman.*

The Right Rev., the Bishop, having called the Rev. Dr. McGUIRE to the Chair, and retired, on motion,

*Resolved*, That the salary of the Assistant Bishop of the Diocese be increased five hundred dollars, from and after the 20th of May inst.

The Convention then proceeded to the election of the Executive Committee of the Diocesan Missionary Society, whereupon the following gentlemen were chosen :

REV. A. EMPIE, D. D.,  
 " WM. NORWOOD,  
 " GEORGE WOODBRIDGE,  
 WM. WILLIAMS, *Treasurer*.  
 B. B. MINOR, *Secretary*.

Rev. J. P. McGuire, from the Committee on the Widows and Orphans' Fund, made a Report.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That, when this Convention adjourn, it adjourn to meet in Winchester, on the 3d Wednesday in May, 1847.

The Delegate from St. James' Church, Richmond, having been obliged to leave the Convention, on motion, it was

*Resolved*, That his alternate, B. B. Minor, Esq., be admitted to a seat.

On motion, the following preamble and resolution were adopted :

Whereas, there is a conflict between the 9th canon of this Diocese, and the resolution, acted on by the Convention in relation to assessments for the contingent fund of the Church, and whereas the 6th canon, relative to the trial of Laymen, and the 7th, in relation to that of the Clergy, are thought to require alteration and amendment, therefore,

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed, in accordance with the canon, to take into consideration the propriety of altering and amending the canons of this Diocese, and to report to the next annual Convention.

The chair appointed the Assistant Bishop, Dr. Empie, Wm. H. McFarland, Esq. and Col. Carrington, the committee under the foregoing resolution.

The Convention then proceeded to ballot for the Standing Committee, whereupon the following gentlemen were elected :

REV. E. R. LIPPITT, *President*.  
 " C. B. DANA, *Secretary*.  
 REV. WM. SPARROW, D. D., JOHN HOOFF, Esq.,  
 ORLANDO FAIRFAX, M. D., CASSIUS F. LEE, Esq.

Rev. Mr. Clarke, from the Committee on admission of new Parishes, made the following report, which was adopted :

The Committee on the division of Parishes and the admission of new Parishes report, that the applications of the following Parishes, viz :

Grace Church, Lexington, for a division of Woodville Parish;

St. Stephens' Church, Bedford, for a division of Russell Parish, Bedford;

Shelburne Parish, for the town of Middleburg and its vicinity, including the district of country equi-distant from Middleburg and Aldie, to be separated from Shelburne Parish and attached to Meade Parish;

Of a part of St. James' Parish, Mecklenburg county, for a division of the same, and to erect a new Parish by the name of St. Luke's Parish, Mecklenburg county, are all reasonable, and they think the interests of the Diocese at large, as well as of the above named parishes themselves, would be promoted by granting their petitions.

Also, that the applications of Wytheville Parish, and of the Parishes of Wood and Jackson counties, for admission into this Convention, as new Parishes, be granted.

They also recommend the following substitute for the 12th Canon, to be adopted at the next session of Convention.

Whereas, from the great extent of many of the Parishes of the Diocese, and from various other causes, it may promote the interest of the Church and quiet of the people, to permit the division of some of the Parishes, or the creation of a new Parish from adjoining Parishes having no rector or vestry ;

Be it therefore enacted, that whenever any such Parish in the Diocese, or any portion thereof, shall make application to the Convention for division of the same; if the Convention shall be satisfied, from consideration of all the circumstances of the case, that the cause of Religion and of the Church, will be advanced by such division, and that the portion of said Parish, applying for the division, have elect vestry residing within their proposed bounds, in conformity with regulations of the Church, and that the members of said new vestry have subscribed the declaration set forth in the 10th canon; and due notice has been given, at least three months previously, to the rector and Church wardens, (if there be any) of the original Parish, the intended application for division, the Convention may proceed to divide said Parish, and to constitute the portion thereof applying in division into a new Parish, with all the rights and privileges of Parishes in the Diocese.

JNO. T. CLARK, *Chairman*

Dr. Sturdivant, a Delegate from the new Parish, formed by the division of St. James' Parish, Rockbridge county, appeared and took his seat.

William Stevens, a Delegate from Latimer Parish, Rockbridge county, also appeared and took his seat.

On motion, it was

*Resolved*, That, in view of the present depressed condition of the Education Society of this Diocese, the Clergy be earnestly requested to bring the subject before their congregations, and take up collections for its relief, and forward the same, before the annual meeting in July next; and further, that the Bishops be requested to prepare some plan for the better permanent support of this Institution.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention be presented to the citizens of Petersburg, for the hospitality and kindness extended to its members.

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer be directed to pay the expenses of the Secretary in attending this Convention.

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer pay the door-keeper of this Convention ten dollars.

*Resolved*, That the Secretary cause to be printed two thousand copies of this Journal, for distribution among the Parishes.

After the usual religious services, the Convention then adjourned, to meet in Winchester, on the 3d Wednesday in May, 1847.

WILLIAM MEADE,

*President of the Convention.*

WM. M. BLACKFORD, *Secretary.*



## APPENDIX.

### PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

**Stoughton and Ware Parishes, Gloucester**—CHARLES MANN, *Rector*.—Communicants, added 7; removed 3; died 1—total 46; baptisms, white, adult 1; infants 12—total 13; confirmations 8; marriages 3; funerals, adults 2; infant 1—total 3; families 44; adults 9; infants 88; amount collected for different objects, in connexion with the Church, about \$200.

**Report of Rev. W. E. WEBB, officiating monthly at Allen's Creek Church, Hanover; semi-monthly at Beaver Dam Church, Gottchland; and monthly at the Brick Fork Church and Palmyra, in Fluvanna.**—Communicants, added 7, 1 from another Parish, and 1 colored; died 1—total 18; baptisms, adult 1; confirmations 2; marriage 1; funerals 3.

The above mentioned places have not yet been organized as a Parish. The Old Church edifice of Beaver Dam is at this time undergoing partial repairs.

**Antrim Parish, Halifax**—J. GRAMMER, *Rector*.—Communicants, added, white 3; removed 4—total 57; colored, added 1—total 16, whole number 73; baptisms, white, infants 9; colored, adult 1—total 10; confirmations, colored 1; marriages, white 6; colored 1—total 7; funerals, white 8; colored 3—total 11.

Amount of contributions to the different institutions connected with the Protestant Episcopal Church, which passed through the Rector's hands, during the past year, viz:

Domestic Missions,	\$12 00
Foreign do	32 00
Diocesan do	93 17½
Virginia Theological Seminary,	60 00
Education Society,	76 00
	<hr/> \$273 17½

In addition to which, there has been contributed to the

Virginia Bible Society,	\$101 00
American Colonization Society,	120 00
	<hr/> \$221 00

Total,	<hr/> \$494 17½
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*Albemarle, Sussex, and Missionary in Southampton.*—EDMUND WITHERS, *Rector*.—Communicants, added 13, white 8; colored 5; removed 4—total 20; baptisms, white, adults 2, infants 11—total 13; confirmations, white 7; colored 2—total 9; marriage, white 1; funerals, white 2; colored 1—total 3.

During the past year, I have officiated as previously at Sussex Ct. Ho., and at Jerusalem and Berlin, Southampton county, with an occasional service at other places. Interest in the Church is steadily increasing. In Sussex, we have erected a neat house of worship, which has been recently consecrated, and in Southampton, several hundred dollars are already subscribed for the same purpose. To the contingent fund paid \$15.

*Boyden Parish.*—JAMES McELROY, *Rector*.—Communicants 15; marriage 1; burials 2; contributions, \$10 to the High School. Colored congregation, average attendance 109; bible class 28. The interest which the servants take in the semi-monthly services, held for their benefit at the Chapel, is one of the most encouraging features in the Parish. They attend from a distance of 8 and 10 miles.

*Virginia Female Institute.* J. McELROY, *Principal*.—The number of young ladies connected, since my last annual report, with the Institute, is 52; three of these have been added to the communion of the Episcopal Church in Staunton. There have been subscribed \$10,000 toward the erection of suitable buildings for the Institute. The buildings are under contract, and the corner-stone is to be laid on the 1st of June. To furnish the Institute and provide apparatus \$6,000 in addition are required. The property belongs to the Diocese, and it is our hope and effort that the School shall be worthy of its nurture and patronage. In addition to my labors at Boyden Chapel, and in the Institute, I have frequently lectured and preached during the year, in Trinity Church, Staunton.

*Bruton Parish, Williamsburg.*—W. HEVARS, *Rector*.—Communicants, added 7, 5 from other churches; died 2; removed 2—total (white 71, colored 2) 73; baptisms 6; confirmations 21, (confirmations not reported last year are included in the above); marriages 7; funerals 4; 1 ordained Deacon. Amount collected for the different Institutions in the Church, \$201.40.

The general condition of the Sunday School, Colored Congregation, and Parish at large, about the same as when last reported.

*Bolton Parish, Bolton and Roanoke.*—GEO. T. WILMER, *Rector*.—Communicants, added 2; removed 2—total 40; baptisms, infants 9; marriages 2; funeral 1.

*Report of JAMES CUSHING, Rector of Newburne Parish, Berkeley Churches, Trinity, Martinsburg; Mt. Zion, Hedgesville; and Calvary, in the Back Creek Valley.*—Communicants, added 16; removed 3; died 4—total 93. Baptisms, white, adults 2; infants 21—white 16, colored 5—total 23; confirmations 18; marriages, white 2; colored 2.

total 4; funerals 12: amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, in the present year, \$55.

*Christ Church Parish, Lancaster*—JOHN B. RICHMOND, *Rector*.—Communicants, added 1, removed 1, died 2—total 29; baptisms, infants, white 3; colored 2—total 5; confirmations 3; marriages 2; funerals 4; number of families 15; amount collected for Diocesan Missionary Society \$42; Theological Seminary from the Ladies' Society, \$40 00.

The condition of this Parish, in a temporal and spiritual point of view, is prosperous. The Ladies' Society deserve high commendation for the energy exhibited in raising funds in behalf of our Theological Seminary.

*Clarksburg, Harrison, and Weston, Lewis*—O. A. KINSOLVING, *Missionary*.—*Clarksburg*—Communicants, added 1; removed 2—total 6; baptism 1. *Weston*—Communicants, added 1; died 1—total 3; baptism 1.

I have also officiated several times at Morgantown, where there are now 2 communicants of the Church—there was one baptism there.

*Christ Church, Newport Parish, Smithfield*—The Rectorship of this Parish has been vacant since the 20th October last, and no opportunity has been afforded to obtain a successor to the late Rector, the Rev. J. B. T. Smith—Communicants, added 1; removed 1; died 1—total 36; marriage 1; funerals 1; number of families 21; adults, 51; infants, 30; contributions, \$38; repairing church \$140.

JAS. H. TUCKER, }  
S. WHITE. } *Wardens.*

*Report of the Rev. M. L. CHEVERS—Rector of the Centurion Church, and Chaplain of Fort Monroe Elizabeth City Parish*—Communicants, added 5; removed 1,—total 18; baptisms, white, adult 1; infants, 14; colored 1.—total 16; confirmations 8; marriages 2; funerals 8; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church as follows: The Church at Parkersburg, \$20; Education Society, \$20; Missions, \$32 06, (of which \$8 06, Jewish Mission,) Bible Society, \$42.

The Sunday School is in a prosperous condition.

On Sunday evenings, I officiate to a numerous and attentive congregation of colored persons.

*Camden Parish, Pittsylvania, including the Ancient Patrick Parish, Henry*—GEO. W. DAME, *Rector*.—Communicants, added 11, 1 from another Parish, and 1 colored; removed 8; died 1—total (46 white and colored,) 48; baptisms, adults, white 5; colored 1; infants, white 3; colored 1—total 10; confirmations 13; marriages, white 2; colored 1—total 3; funerals 4; number of families 29, adults 88; infants 35; amount collected for Diocesan Missionary Society \$14; for Convention Fund \$24.



The Church Building at Henry Ct. Ho. will be completed this summer.

*Cumberland Parish, Lunenburg*—THOMAS E. LOCKE, *Rector*.—Communicants, died 3; removed 3; withdrawn 1—total 51, (including 2 colored communicants)—baptisms, infants, white 4; marriages 2; funerals 3; amount collected for the Benevolent Institutions of the Church, viz: Diocesan Missions \$23 25; Foreign Missions, Africa, \$13; Education Society \$27 60—total \$63 85.

*Cople Parish, Westmoreland*—WM. N. WARD, *Rector*.—Communicants, removed 2—total 18; marriages 2; funeral 1; contribution to Diocesan Missions \$5 75; Contingent Fund \$13 50.

*Cornwall Parish, Charlotte*—REV. E. CHRISTIAN, *Rector*.—Communicants, added 3; died 1—total 12; baptisms, white, infants 4; confirmations 2; funerals 3.

One Church is in course of building, and two others are in contemplation.

*Christ Church, Frederick Parish, Winchester*.—Communicants, added 5, 1 from another cure; removed 7; died 1—total 82; baptisms, white, infants 15; confirmations, white 4; marriage 1; funerals 4; amount collected, for the different institutions connected with the Church, about \$225.

The above includes only Christ Church, Winchester, a separate report will be made of St. Thomas' Church, Middletown.

The Church at present is without a Rector.

P. WILLIAMS, *Lay Delegate*.

*Christ Church, Middlesex*—G. S. CARRAWAY, *Rector*.—Communicants, added 3, 1 from another Parish—total 11; baptisms, adult 1; infant 1—total 2; confirmations 3; funeral 1; number of families 9; contributed to Missionary Society, \$10; Bishop's Fund \$11.

The present Minister entered upon his duties in this Parish, early in the month of October last. The average attendance of the congregation has increased, and it is believed the Church is beginning to be regarded with favor.

*Christ Church, Kingston Parish, Matthews*—G. S. CARRAWAY, *Rector*.—Communicants 3, number of families 4; collected for the Bishop's Fund \$3.

Occasional services were held in this Parish during last summer, but I did not enter upon my duties regularly until the 1st of October. According to an arrangement entered into by this and the Middlesex congregation, only one-third of my time is given to this Parish. A Sunday School has been gathered numbering about 30 children. The servants also have been steadily instructed.

*Christ Church, Fairfax Parish, Alexandria*—CHARLES B. DANA, *Rector*.—Communicants, added 20, 6 from other cures; removed 10; died 5—total 141, 14 of whom are colored persons; baptisms, adults 2; infants, white 28; colored 2—total 32; confirmations 16; marriage

ges 4; funerals 11; number of families about 80; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, about \$700.

The condition of this Parish continues to be prosperous. The services of the Church, on Sundays and during the week, are generally well attended, and the different benevolent institutions well sustained.

The Sunday School and Bible Classes are in an unusually flourishing condition, and the Rector finds much cause for thankfulness and encouragement.

During the past year increased efforts have been made for the establishment of Sunday Schools, and the extension of other religious privileges, in several comparatively destitute portions of this Parish, some of which give promise of great usefulness in the future.

*Christ Church, Norfolk*—UPTON BEALL, *Rector*.—Communicants, added 23; removed and died 25—total 350; baptisms, adults, white; infants, white 29; colored 2—total 33; confirmations, 14; marriages 10; funerals 17; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, \$3,179 92,

*Christ Church, Frederick Parish, Clarke*—W. G. H. JONES, *Rector*.—Communicants, added 1; removed 3—total 60; baptisms, infants, white 5; marriages 2; number of families 35; amount of contributions to benevolent objects:

Colonization Society,	\$50 00
Bible Society,	82 12
Missions, Foreign and Domestic,	101 76
on behalf of the Jews,	27 50
Education Society,	48 65
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*Franklin Parish, Franklin*—GEO. W. DAME, *Rector*.—Communicants, added 3,—total 3; baptisms, adults, white 2,—total 2; confirmation 1; funerals 3.

It is expected that our Church building will be let out to workmen, the early part of this summer.

*Farnham Parish, Richmond co.*—WM. N. WARD, *Rector*.—Communicants, died 1; added from another parish 2—total 20; baptisms, white, infants 2; marriages 3; funerals 2; contribution to Diocesan Missions \$5 35; Contingent Fund \$10.

*Grace Church, Lexington, Rockbridge*—ROBERT NELSON, *Rector*.—Communicants, added 4, (3 from other Parishes;) removed 4—total 25; baptisms, infant, white 1; funerals 4; number of families 13; adults 43; infants, 21; amount collected for the Church \$25 00.

*Grace Church, Petersburg*—C. J. GIBSON, *Rector*.—Communicants, added 14; removed 1; 1 returned formerly removed, died 2; withdrawn 1—total 58; baptisms, adults 5; infants, 33; viz: white 29; colored 4—total 38; confirmations 11; marriages 10; funerals 42; the

amount contributed by the congregation, during the year, is about \$30, besides \$20 which the Sunday School annually furnishes to the African Mission.

Besides my duties at Grace Church, I preach regularly once a week at St. Matthew's Church, and once a month at Dinwiddie Court House. At the latter place, the foundation of the Church has been laid, and the money for its erection *already in bank*. The Church we expect to be ready for consecration by August.

*Hunger's Parish, Northampton*—J. UFFORD, *Rector*.—Communicants, added 3; removed 2; died 6—total 51; baptisms, infants, white 5; colored 8—total 13; confirmations 3; funerals 8; number of families 56; amount collected for benevolent purposes \$250.

*Henrico Parish, St. John's Church, Richmond*—J. H. MORRISON, *Rector*.—Communicants, added 13; (of these one is colored, and six were from another cure) removed 6; withdrawn 1—total 57; baptisms, adults, 1 white and 1 colored; infants, 4 white and 1 colored—total 7; confirmations 5; marriages 3; funeral 1; number of families about 37. The contributions have been for Missions \$49.80; for the Seminary \$46.17; Communion aids \$29.11; contingent fund \$57; total \$221 2-08 cts.

*Hamilton Parish, Fauquier*—GEORGE LEMMON, *Rector*.—Communicants, added 3, removed 5; died 1—total 40; baptisms 7; confirmations 3; marriages 4; funerals 4; (viz: whites 3; colored 1); contingent fund \$25.

*Erratum*—In the report of Hamilton Parish, as it appears in the Journal of the Convention of 1845, instead of "deceased 7; added 5 from other Parishes," read deceased 1; added 7, 5 from other Parishes.

*Christ Church, Houghton, Texas*—REV. C. GILLET, *Rector*.—During the past year, there have been baptisms, infants, 11; adults 8—total 19; marriages 6; Communicants added from other cures, 8—total 50; confirmed 11; families in the congregation 55; a Sunday School has been organized in which there are 6 male and 10 female teachers. A house has been purchased and removed to serve the double purpose of a temporary place of worship and a school.

A male and female department of a School has been opened, in both of which there are about 50 scholars.

The walls of a brick Church have been erected, 60 by 35, at an expense of about four thousand dollars, raised mostly among the congregation.

A class of servants, from 20 to 25, has been formed for weekly oral instruction—taught by the Rector.

*Littleton Parish, Cumberland*—OLCOTT BULKLEY, *Rector*.—Communicants, added 3; removed 3, 1 colored—total 40; baptisms, adults 1; infants 4—total 5; confirmations 3; marriages 3; funerals 2; amount contributed for religious purposes \$150.

e of this Parish is, upon the whole, encouraging—the new at Cartersville was consecrated on the 7th, where we have ng divine service since November last, and preaching to ve- e, though not very large, congregations. The Church at tinues to be well attended; little fruit however as yet has red in this part of the field.

rg Parish, Richmond co.—WM. N. WARD, *Rector*.—Comm- removed 1—total 19; baptisms, white, infants 5; marriage ; 2; contributions to Diocesan Missions \$8 50; contingent

Parish, Fauquier—WM. HENRY PENDLETON, *Rector*.—ants, removed 1—total 29; baptisms, infants 7; confirma- marriages 3; funerals 2; number of families 14; amount col- benevolent objects \$160 66, \$56 of which were collected Rev. Bishop Meade, at the time of his last visit, for the Di- sionary Society. The Rector remarks that there are sent Parish 4 students to the High School and to the Seminary.— that in the village of Salem, adjoining his present Parish, ave been adopted to build a Church and organize a congre- which he expects to take charge.

on Parish, Amherst—C. WALKER, *Rector*.—Communi- ed 18, 8 from other cures; removed 5; died 2—total 102; white, adult 1; colored, infant 1—total 2; confirmations ages 2; funerals 4; amount collected by Bishop Johns for Missionary Society \$20 87½.

Parish, Campbell—SAMUEL D. TOMPKINS, *Rector*.—Com- , white 16; colored 1. added, white 2—total 19; baptisms, ants 2; confirmations 3; marriages, colored 3; funerals 5, d persons; number of families 13; infants 30.

e \$500 subscribed for the purpose of building a Church at Ct. Ho., and we wish to have the edifice in readiness for on by the next Episcopal Visitation. The prospect for es- the principles of the Church, and, consequently, those of true he Ct. Ho., I consider very favorable. The Church at St. been very slowly and gradually, but, I believe, perma- reasing.

vention Fund due from the Parish, (\$18,) is herewith sent.

s Brandon Parish, Prince George—HENRY DENISON, *Rec-* municants, added from another Parish 1—total 21; bap- nt, white 1—total 1; funerals white 2, colored 3—total 5; families 21: the present incumbent took charge of the Pa- ruary last, and is therefore unable to present a fuller report- ects of the Parish are decidedly encouraging.

ar attention has been paid to the servants—congregations, on 50 to 100, or 150, assemble at either end of the Parish, day afternoon, and considerable religious interest is already

manifested among them. Weekly services are also held for their benefit on some one of the plantations connected with the Parish.

*Meade Parish, Fauquier and Loudon*—WM. M. JACKSON, *Rector*.—Communicants, added 7; removed 1—total 38; baptisms, adult 1; white infants 10—total 11; funeral 1, amount raised for benevolent and Church purposes \$235.

*Monumental Church, Richmond*—REV. GEO. WOODBRIDGE, *Rector*.—On the first of last December, the late congregation of Christ Church united with a few families who remained in the Monumental Church, removed thither & formed the present congregation of the Monumental Church. The number of Communicants last reported from Christ Church was 111: of whom three have since been admitted to holy orders. These, with the exception of 8, who either have attached, or intend to attach, themselves, to St. John's Church, were joined by *thirty-two* from the late Monumental Church, making 132. To these have been added *eleven*; *one* is dead and *two* removed—total 140; of whom one is colored, baptisms, 18; funerals 6; confirmations 3; marriages 9, collections, Diocesan Missions \$66.34; Theological Seminary, \$54.45 Jewish Mission \$8.50 benevolent purposes connected with the Church, \$250. Convention Fund \$138.00—total \$517.29. The Rector has three bible classes, which, together with the Sunday School and weekly lecture, have been well attended, and it is believed have been productive of much good. There is also a colored Sunday School attached to the Church.

*Nelson Parish, Nelson*—F. D. GOODWIN, *Rector*.—Communicants, added 2; removed 2—total 29; baptisms, white, children 5; confirmations 2 funerals 1; collections for American Colonization Society, \$8.00; for Diocesan Missions \$17.00; Tracts \$5.00; Virginia Bible Society, \$20.00; Mission for the Jews \$20.00, Foreign Missions \$15.00; Virginia Education Society \$24.00; Contingent Fund \$24.00—total \$133.

Since last Convention, I have resigned the charge of Rockfish Church, and it has been placed under the care of the Rev. Dr. Waller of Albemarle. This accounts for the smaller number of communicants reported this year.

*Raleigh, Dale and Genito Parishes, in the counties of Amelia, Powhatan and Chesterfield*—P. F. BERKELEY, *Rector*.—Communicants, added 3; removed 3; died 1—total 45; baptisms, adults, white 1; infants, white 7—total 8; marriages 3; funerals, white 5; colored 2—total 8; number of families 32; adults 97; infants 60; amount collected for the Church, \$194 50.

*Richmond City*—WM. DUVAL, *Missionary*.—The subscriber commenced holding religious services in August last, in the Armory, a large and comfortable room having been fitted up at the public expense, by order of the Executive, through the exertions of the Com-

**Leading Officer.** Since which time they have been continued regularly every Sunday afternoon. The congregation, composed of the Officers and Soldiers, with their families, besides the neighboring population, which was before almost entirely neglected by Christians of all denominations, has varied considerably, but, of late, the increase, both in the number of attendants and in the interest taken in the services, has been very manifest.

A Sunday School has been formed, numbering 15 teachers and 120 scholars.

A Free School has been opened, having an average attendance of 60 children.

About 200 Prayer Books have been distributed, which were gladly received.

A Temperance reformation has recently begun in the neighborhood, and some, who, a short time since, were apparently confirmed drunkards, are now regular attendants upon public worship.

Besides the services held as above, and in private houses in the vicinity, he has officiated once a week in the Penitentiary and Alms House, and recently as often in the City Jail.

No Communicants have been received; baptisms, infants 4; marriage 1; funerals 8.

**Roanoke Parish, Halifax**—JOHN T. CLARK, *Rector*—Communicants, added 1—total 20; baptisms, infants, 2; confirmations 2; marriages 2; funerals 5, of which 3 were colored persons; number of families 19; adults 36, infants 22; amount collected for Church, \$200.

There has been completed, during the year, and is now ready for consecration, a very handsome and commodious Church. We have also a large and flourishing Sunday School; and, although there has been but one addition to the Church during the year, yet in the increased size of the congregations and the solemn attention they always pay, the Rector feels much encouragement, and thinks the Parish in an improving condition.

**St. Thomas' Church, Orange**—J. EARNEST, *Rector*—Communicants, added 3; (2 by removal into the Parish,) removed 1; withdrawn 1—total 67; baptisms, adult 1; infants 20; viz: white 16, colored 4—total 21; marriages 3; funerals, white 7; colored 2—total 9; amount collected for charitable purposes, \$146.69.

**St. John's Church, Green Spring Parish, Louisa**—J. EARNEST, *Rector*—Communicants, added 2; (1 from another cure,)—total 10; baptism 1; confirmation 1; amount collected for Missions, \$21.

**St. Thomas' Church, Frederick Parish, Frederick**—Communicants, added 3; removed 1; died 2—total 20; baptisms, adults 2; infants, 4—total 6, all white; confirmations 2; marriages 1; funerals 2.

This Church, until recently under the pastoral care of the Rev. W. Y. ROOKER, is now without a Pastor.

D. W. BARTON,  
*Lay Delegate.*

*St. Stephen's Church, St. Mark's Parish, Culpeper*—JOHN COLE, *Rector*—Communicants, removed 1; died 1; suspended 1—total 30; baptisms, white, infants, 6; marriages 2; funerals 3; contributions \$63.67.

The Rector deems it proper to remark, that in consequence of the reported delinquency of this Church, in the payment of the Conventional dues, it has been made his duty to strike from the list of communicants all but the persons in-actual attendance upon the services, and living near enough to contribute their part to the support of the Church.

*St. James' Church, St. Mark's Parish, Culpeper*—JOHN COLE, *Rector*—Communicants, removed 1—total 23; baptisms, infants, 3; contributions \$56.60.

*St. Paul's Parish, King George*—LEWIS WALKER, *Rector*—Communicants, removed 1, added 1—total 25; baptisms, white, infants 3; marriages 4; confirmations 1.

Amount collected for	Foreign Missions,	\$20 00
"	" " " Diocesan Missions,	7 50
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"	" " " Bishop's Fund,	25 00
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*St. Paul's Church, Norfolk*—REV. DAVID CALDWELL, *Rector*—Baptisms, children 6; confirmations 16; marriages 4; funerals, adults 5; children 7—total 12; communicants, added 38; removed 7; died 1—total 130; amount collected for different institutions connected with the Church, \$300.

I have been Rector of this Church but six months—the Rev. Leonidas Smith having been its Minister during the six months previous.

*St. Paul's Church, Alexandria*—J. T. JOHNSTON, *Rector*—Communicants, added 21; (4 from other denominations) removed 9; died 9—total 153; baptisms, white, adults 4; white, infants, 19—total 23; confirmations 26; (from Theological Seminary, 1;) marriages 8; funerals 14; Sunday School Superintendent 1; Teachers 26; Scholars 170; amount collected for religious and benevolent purposes, \$823.92.

*St. Stephen's Church, Fauquier*—WM. F. LOCKWOOD, *Rector*—Present number of Communicants, 10; removed 2; baptism, 1.

*Zion Church, Truro Parish, Fairfax*—WM. F. LOCKWOOD, *Rector*—Communicants, added 2; (one from another cure,) removed 2—total 14; baptisms, adult 1; infant, white, 1.

*St. Luke's Chapel, Henrico Parish—St. John's Church, Richmond City*—JAMES BOLTON, *Rector*—This Chapel has been so recently opened for divine services, that no congregation has yet been organized. Owing to various causes of delay, it was not completed.

until the 16th of April last, when it was consecrated by Bishop Johns.

The cost of the building, together with that of the lot and suitable enclosure, amounts to about twenty-eight hundred and fifty dollars.

It is situated in an excellent field for Missionary labor. Until very recently there have been no regular religious services whatever, in this section of the city. A considerable proportion of the population consists of a most valuable part of the community—industrious mechanics, and others of the various laboring classes. These form an excellent material for a Christian congregation and one, which it may be confidently hoped, will in time be able to sustain itself without assistance.

*St. John's Church, City Point, Prince George*—Communicants, removed 6; died 2—total 6; funerals 2; number of families 16; amount collected for different institutions connected with the Church, \$6 00.

The Wardens here state that this Church is without a Minister and has been so for the last twelve months.

E. COMER, }  
J. S. GILLIAM. } *Wardens.*

*St. John's Church, Elizabeth City Parish, Hampton*—W. H. Goon, *Rector*—Communicants, added 11; (4 from other cures,) removed 4; withdrawn 1—total 41; baptisms, white, adults 2; confirmations 7; 1 from other cure; funeral 1; contributions to Diocesan Missionary Society, \$15.75; to Bible Society, \$14.

There is a flourishing Sunday School attached to this congregation, and the prospects of the Church are in every way very encouraging.

*St. Paul's Church, Suffolk and St. John's Church, Chuckatuck, Nansemond*—CHARLES H. DISBROW, *Rector*—Communicants, added 6; removed 6—total 41; baptisms, adults 2; infants 11—total 13; confirmations 3; marriages 4; funerals 5; number of families 50; contributions by the Parish for Church purposes and benevolent objects, \$2,100.

A very neat and beautiful Church edifice of brick, the corner stone of which was laid by Bishop Meade, previous to the last Convention, has been erected in Suffolk during the past year, and was consecrated by the Assistant Bishop at his visitation a few weeks since. The zeal and liberality of the Parish in providing a "house of prayer," so admirably suited to the wants of the congregation, is truly commendable and worthy of imitation.

I have continued to officiate monthly in the vicinity of an old Church, in the lower Parish of Nansemond, which I am encouraged to hope will, ere long, be rebuilt and again become vocal with the praise of God.

Since November last, I have also officiated, as often as other duties would permit, in Christ Church, Smithfield, Isle of Wight, now



destitute of a Rector. The members of this Parish desire, deserve and, I hope, will soon obtain, some one to break to them the bread of life.

*St. James' Church, Leesburg, Shelburne Parish, Loudon—Geo. A. DINE, Rector*—Communicants, added 4—2 from other Parishes, died 2—total white 72; colored 1—total 73; baptisms, infants, white 5; confirmation 1; marriages 7; funerals 7; number of families 65; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, about the same as heretofore, say \$300.

The Rector is sorry to have nothing cheering to report. His health has been so delicate, for the last two months, as to compel him entirely to suspend his labors.

He has discontinued his regular services at Aldie, since the first of June last, though yet under promise to preach there as often as he can. He has regular services, in the afternoon, at Belmont, near Miss Mercer's School, now held in a neat and comfortable Church, built chiefly by the zeal and liberality of Miss Mercer, herself. Here there are 12 Communicants, all of whom are either members of her School, or attached to her household.

Bishop Meade confirmed 10 in the new Church, above mentioned, at the time of its consecration, in July last.

*St. Mark's Parish, Culpeper—J. W. WOODVILLE, Rector*—Communicants 11; baptism, infant 1; marriages, white 1, colored 1—total 2; funerals 3.

*Christ Church, Spottsylvania—D. M. WHARTON, Rector*—Communicants, added 1; died 1—total 19, (white 17, colored 2;) baptism, infant, white 1; confirmations 4; funerals 6; amount collected for Church Institutions \$50 00.

*St. John's Church, Berkeley Parish, Spottsylvania—D. M. WHARTON, Rector*—Communicants, added 3; died 1—total 18; baptisms, adult, white 1; confirmations 4; funerals 2; amount collected for Church Institutions about \$40.

*St. Margaret's Church, Caroline—D. M. WHARTON, Rector*—Communicants, added 1; died 1—total 38; baptisms, white, infants 2; confirmations 3; marriage 1; funeral 1; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, \$65.

*St. James' Church, Richmond City—A. EMPIE, Rector*—Communicants, added 16, (of which 2 are colored;) removed 18; withdrawn and joined the two new Churches 23; died 3—present total 127, (of whom 4 are colored;) baptisms, adults, white 1; colored 1; infants, white 21; colored 8—total 31; confirmations 8; marriages 5; funerals 11, (5 not of the Parish;) number of families about 80; adults 286; children 130; amount of collections \$230 70; Sunday School children 70.

By the praiseworthy exertions of the Ladies, \$800 of the debt of the Church have this year been paid off.

*St. James' Parish, Northam, Goochland and Fluvanna—J. P. B. WILNER, Rector*—Communicants, added 5; removed 1; died 2—total

tal 39; baptisms, white, infants 3; colored 10—total 13; marriage 1; funerals 2; number of families 23; amount collected for the different Institutions of the Church, \$1000. The Rector of this Parish cannot fail to record his feeling sense of the generosity which has been displayed, by every family under his charge, in adopting a system of parochial charity, and upholding all the institutions, without an exception, which have received the approval and sanction of the Church.

*St. Paul's Church, Leeds Parish, Prince William*—JOHN TOWLES, *Rector*.—Communicants, added 6, 1 from another Parish; died 1—present number 34; baptisms, infants, white 9; colored 3; confirmations 2, in Middleburg, by Bishop Johns, at the request of the Rector; funerals, adults 2, infant 1; number of families connected with the Church, in whole 15, in part 5—total 20.

The Church edifice and lot in Haymarket have received some attention from the congregation, and considerable improvements are in progress.

*St. James' Church, Dettingen Parish, Prince William*—JOHN TOWLES, *Rector*.—Communicants, added 3, 2 from another Diocese—present number 20; baptisms, adult 1, white, infants 5, colored 1; funerals, adult 1; infants 2; number of families connected with the Church in whole 10, in part 9.

Since the last report, a new Church has been erected in the town of Brentsville, a most substantial stone-edifice, 44 by 32 feet—the interior is not yet completed.

*St. Paul's, Trinity, Buck Mountain and Rockfish Churches, Albemarle and Nelson*—WM. I. WALLER, *Rector*.—Communicants, added 1, died 1—total 35; baptisms, white, infant 1; marriages 3; funerals 3; number of families not ascertained; amount collected for Contingent Fund \$19 50.

The present incumbent has been recently connected with these Churches. The congregations are increasing in numbers, and, he trusts, in religious interest and attachment to the doctrines and worship of our Church. It is in every respect an interesting field of Missionary enterprise.

*St. Paul's Church, Lynchburg*—W. H. KINCKLE *Rector*.—Communicants, added 17; removed 6; died 6; ordained and removed 1—total 128, of whom 4 are colored, and 1 is a candidate for orders; baptisms, adults 2, infants, white 20, colored 1—total 23; confirmations 9; marriages, white 3, colored 4—total 7; funerals 20; contributions, Education Society, \$127; Contingent Fund \$124, together with various smaller sums to other objects, amounting in all to upwards of \$600. In addition to the above contributions, the Ladies of the congregation held a Fair in December last, for the liquidation of a debt of between 7 and 800 dollars, owing by the vestry. I am happy to be able to state that they realized more than enough to accomplish the end in view. The congregation has also aided the Abingdon Church liberally. Its mite has also been given to the Female Institute, Columbia,

Tenn. While there is much spiritual apathy among us, there is cause for encouragement. The preached word is listened to with fixed and, at times, deeply interested attention, and we rely with faith and hope in the promise, that it shall not return void to Him who hath sent it.

*St. Paul's Church, Richmond*—W. NORWOOD, *Rector*.—Communicants, added 27; decrease by removals from Richmond 20, by withdrawal 1, by death 2, by the change from the Monumental Church to St. Paul's 43—total decrease 66—present number 250; baptisms, adults 3; infants 21—total 24; confirmations 7; marriages 5; funerals 9, number of families 129; contributions for Church purposes and Benevolent Institutions:

For the support of the Episcopate of Virginia,	\$500 00
For Diocesan Missions,	413 50
For China Mission	80 00
For Virginia Theological Seminary,	270 00
For Communion Alms,	412 81
For Sunday School,	100 00
For Virginia Bible Society,	126 50
For erection of St. Luke's Missionary Chapel, Richmond,	899 25
For erection of an Episcopal Church in Abingdon,	312 50
To aid in the support of a charity school in connexion with the Rev. Mr. Duval's Mission,	150 00
Assessment to Convention,	250 00.

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Since the meeting of the last Convention of the Diocese, the congregation, which has heretofore been reported as belonging to the Monumental Church, has changed its name and place of worship. The number of communicants lost by the change is 43—the number gained by it is 3. But, though there has been so large a diminution of the number of the communicants of this Parish, yet the change has resulted in greatly promoting the interests of the Episcopal Church in Richmond. The congregation worshipping in St. Paul's is as large as it ever was, while that which now occupies the Monumental Church is considerably increased in number.

The amount paid since last Convention, for St. Paul's Church and organ, is \$59,000. There will be no debt left unpaid a day after it is due.

In addition to a flourishing Sunday School for the congregation, we have one for the oral instruction of colored children. The average attendance of which is about 100.

*St. George's Church, Fredericksburg*—E. C. MCGUIRE, *Rector*.—Communicants, added 10; died 1; removed 14—total 150; baptisms, adults 3, infants 16—total 19; marriages 11; funerals 10.

Sunday Schools 5; scholars 335; superintendents 4; teachers 30; libraries 2; 1 bible class. Two of the above schools are composed of colored children. The domestic servants of the congregation number about eighty, male and female. Being often taught by the Rector—

he can say that the service has proved pleasant and profitable; instruction imparted, though entirely oral, having been easily received and seemingly well understood. Whoever will undertake a work will no doubt find himself agreeably disappointed in the fruit of his labor, in this neglected field of pastoral du-

tributions to religious and benevolent objects:

Foreign, Domestic and Diocesan,	\$520 84
ical Seminary of Virginia,	63 50
building in the West,	60 00
tion Society,	22 00
Library,	400 00
ent Fund,	150 00
s, sundry,	180 00
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*Martin's Parish, Hanover*—WM. V. BOWERS, *Rector*.—Communicants, removed 2; died 2—total 68; baptisms, white, infants 9; marriages 4; funerals 7; number of families 44: Sunday Schools 2; collected for the institutions connected with the Church:

ent Fund,	\$53 00
on Society,	40 00
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*Peter's Church, Port Royal, and Grace Church, St. Mary's Caroline*.—WILLIAM FRIEND, *Rector*.—Communicants, added 2; died 2—total 48; baptisms, 6; confirmed 1; funerals 2; marriages 2; contributions for purposes connected with the \$160.

*John's Church, Hanover Parish, King George*.—WILLIAM, *Rector*.—Communicants, added 4; removed 1—total 14; marriages 2; married 1.

Rector also officiates, on the evenings of the first and third Sunday the month, at Concord Academy, Caroline. He has here a very interesting congregation of young men. The apparent interest which they join in the devotional services of the Church, and attention which they give to his instructions, encourage him to think that he is not laboring in vain.

*Paul's Church, Bristol Parish, Petersburg*.—P. SLAUGHTER, *Rector*.—Communicants, added 10; removed 15; died 5—total 230; marriages 32; funerals 15; marriages 8; the annual confirmation will take place during the present Convention; contributions to the income of the Church, \$1000.

*Peter's Church, Tillotson Parish, Buckingham*.—WM. C. MER-

**EDITH, Rector.**—Communicants, white 29 ; colored 2 ; added by removal from a neighboring Parish 1 ; removed 1—total 31 ; baptisms, white, infants 4.

**St. George's Parish, Accomac**—J. B. T. SMITH, *Rector*.—Since last November, at which time the Rector accepted the charge of this Parish, there have been confirmations 3 ; communicants added 4—total 34 ; baptisms, white, 1 ; colored, 3—total 4 ; funeral 1.

**St. Andrew's Parish, Brunswick**—A. J. BERGER, *Rector*.—Communicants, added 1 ; died 4—total, white 23, blacks 20—total 43 ; baptisms, white, infants 4 ; colored, infants 3—total 7 ; marriage 1 ; funerals 4 ; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, \$40.

Since the present Rector's connexion with this Parish, which dates from June last, he has met with nothing of special interest to report. The attendance upon the services of the Church has been thus far encouraging.

**Bath Parish, Dinwiddie**—A. J. BERGER, *Rector*.—Communicants, added 4 ; whites 33 ; blacks 6—total 39 ; baptisms, white, infants 4 ; colored, infants 26—total 30 ; confirmations 2 ; funerals 9 ; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church \$47.

In addition to the Rector's regular appointment at Sapony Church, he has rendered occasional services, in conjunction with the Rev. Mr. Gibson, at Dinwiddie Ct. Ho., where a Church is now in progress of erection. Through the industry of the ladies of this Parish, a silver communion service has been procured, at the cost of \$84.

**St. James' Parish, Mecklenburg**—F. H. MCGUIRE, *Rector*.—Communicants, added 17 ; removed 11 ; died 5—total 67 ; baptisms, adults 2 ; infants 31—total 33 ; confirmations 15 ; marriage 1 ; funerals 7.

**St. David's Parish, King William**—E. B. MCGUIRE, *Rector*.—Communicants, added 2 ; removed 1—total 9 ; confirmations 3.

This Parish has heretofore enjoyed but few advantages. The prospect of usefulness, however, is improving—efforts are now being made for the erection of a new Church edifice.

**St. Peter's Parish, New Kent**—E. B. MCGUIRE, *Rector*.—Communicants, removed 2—total 13 ; marriage 1.

In this Parish interest is manifested in the ministrations of the word, and there is much to encourage our labors. The church has been put in good repair. Monthly services are held for the benefit of colored people.

**St. Paul's Parish, Hanover**—E. B. MCGUIRE, *Rector*.—Communicants, died 1—total 9 ; funeral 1.

The condition of this Parish is such as to excite the hope that, in due season, good may be effected. Attendance on public services is respectable. The Sunday School, established two years ago, is in a flourishing condition—religious services are held regularly for the servants.

These Parishes have been but recently revived. The present incumbent took charge of them in October last, since which time, of course, but little has been effected.

The Report of Rev. Leonidas L. Smith is included in that of Rev. D. Caldwell, St. Paul's Church, Norfolk.

*St. James' Parish, Southam, Powhatan*—ANDREW FISHER, *Rector*.—Communicants, added from other cures and denominations 4; removed 4; died 2—total 27; baptisms, white, infants 3; colored 1—total 4; marriage 1; funerals 5; collections for Missions \$12.

*St. Ann's and South Farnham Parishes, Essex*—JOHN P. MCGUIRE, *Rector*.—St. Ann's Parish—Communicants, removed 1; died 1, white 27; colored 1—total 28; baptisms, white, infants 2; colored 2—total 4; confirmations 2; marriage 1; funerals 5.

South Farnham Parish—Communicants, added 1—total 33; baptisms, white, adult 1; infant 1; colored 6—total 8; confirmations 2; marriages 2; funerals 3; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church \$207 81.

*Trinity Parish, Wood*—THOMAS SMITH, *Rector*.—Communicants, added 11; died 1; removed 1—present number 32; confirmations 9; baptisms, adults 2; infants 14—total 16; burials 2; marriage 1.

The building of the Church is progressing, but its erection will be according to funds in hand. It is hoped it will be ready for consecration at the next episcopal visit.

A very flourishing congregation has been organized in the upper part of the Parish, and another in the lower part awaits the action of the Rector, whose health has forced him to delay the necessary proceedings towards a similar result. A Parish it is hoped, and with Western promises of success, will soon be organized in Tyler county. The Sunday School still exists, though it is not in a flourishing state, for the want of suitably qualified teachers.

In Jackson county, adjoining Wood, a Parish, called St. James, has been organized; 1 has been confirmed; 7 infants baptized; 2 communicants have removed.

*Report of JOHN COOK, officiating in Trinity Parish, Louisa*.—I am still trying to rebuild the Church in this long neglected portion of the Lord's Vineyard, but my progress is yet slow and uncertain. There are four places at which I preach, when health and strength permit, at most of which the congregations are large and attentive.

Since my last report, 2 of the few communicants which we numbered have been removed by death—1 only has been added, leaving the present number 6.

I have officiated, during the past year, at 4 funerals and 5 marriages.

*Trinity Church, Staunton*—T. T. CASTLEMAN, *Rector*.—Communicants, added white 15, 3 of these from other cures; colored 8—total 23; removed 3; died 1; suspended, colored 1—whole number, white 89; colored 10; baptisms, white, adult 1; infants 15; colored 1—total

17; confirmations, whites 13; colored 3—total 16; marriages 8; funerals 15. Owing to the liberal contributions of this congregation to the Virginia Female Institute, now in course of erection, I am obliged to report the sum of \$186 75 only, as contributed to the benevolent institutions of the Church.

*Trinity Church, Buchanan, Woodville Parish, Botetourt*—WILLIAM BRYANT, *Rector*.—Communicants, added 3; removed 2; died 1—total 16; baptisms, adult 1; infants 9—total 10; funeral 1.

A neat and substantial church edifice has been erected, and is prepared for consecration.

*Trinity Church, Portsmouth, Norfolk co.*—Rev. J. H. WINGFIELD, *Rector*.—Communicants, added 6; removed 8; died 3—present number 88; baptisms, white, adults 2; infants 8; colored 3—total 13; confirmations, white 2; marriages white 4; colored 1—total 5; funerals 10; number of families 65; adults 140; infants 120—total \$60; Sunday School Teachers 12; Scholars 60; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, \$206.

*Trinity Church, Shepherdstown, St. Andrew's Parish*—CHARLES W. ANDREWS, *Rector*.—Communicants, added 4; died 1; removed 2—present number 61; baptisms, white 2; colored 1; confirmations 23; funerals 4; contributions \$366.

*University of Virginia*—Rev. WM. G. JACKSON, *Chaplain*.—Since October last, I have been the officiating Chaplain of the University of Virginia. There have been two services every week. The attendance has been good and the attention gratifying. The Chaplain humbly hopes that he has not labored in vain. As this institution is within the territorial limits of Frederickville Parish, of which the Rev. Mr. Meade is the Pastor, my official acts will be embraced in his report.

*Grace and Wickliffe Churches, Wickliffe Parish, Clarke*—RICH'D. H. WILMER, *Rector*.—Communicants, added 7; removed 2; died 1; suspended 3—total, white 77; colored 4—whole amount 81; baptisms, white, adult 1; infants, white 4; colored 1—total 6; confirmations 2; marriages 13; funerals 8; number of families 50; amount collected for different benevolent objects, \$211 50.

On the 5th of February last, a new Church was consecrated to the worship of Almighty God, by the Rt. Rev. Wm. Meade, D. D.

*Westover Parish, Charles City*—W. T. LEAVELL, *Rector*.—Communicants added 7; removed 6—total 30; baptisms, white, adults 2; colored 1; infants, white 10; colored 10—total 23; confirmations 9; marriages 2; funerals 9; amount collected for different institutions connected with the Church about \$60.

*Walker's and St. Ann's Parishes, Albemarle*—E. BOYDEN, *Rector*.—Communicants, added 5; removed 3—total 50, (Walker's 23, St. Ann's 27;) baptisms, white, adults 3; infants 2—total 5; confirmations 5; marriages 2; funerals 3; number of families 26; 2 bible classes for adults and children, well attended.

The vestry of Walker's Church have resolved to build a new and handsome edifice.

*West Russel Parish*.—Communicants, died 2; removed 4—total 46; no baptisms or marriages; contribution to the Contingent Fund \$15 00.

There is a vacancy at present in the Rectorship of the Parish.

JNO. A. WHARTON, *Sr. Warden*.

*Report of E. R. LIPPITT*.—Baptism 1; marriages 4; burials 2.

I have not unfrequently aided the Rectors of the Churches in Alexandria and the vicinity, in the pulpit and the desk, and in the administration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

The undersigned has been acting as Agent for the Foreign Missionary Committee of the Church, since January last, and has spent his time, up to the present period, in visiting the Churches in the Diocese of South Carolina. The result of his efforts have been published, from time to time, in the Spirit of Missions. His labors in Christ Church, Winchester, from May, 1845, up to January, 1846, are reported by Mr. Philip Williams, Lay Delegate of the said Church.

W. Y. ROOKER.



# ABSTRACT OF PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

## PARISHES AND CHURCHES.

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Communicants.				Baptisms.			Confirmations.		Marriages.		No. of Families.		Contributions.	
Added.		Removed.	Suspended.	Total.	White.		Total.	Colored.		Funerals.	Infants.	Adults.		
White.	Colored.				Adults.	Infants.		White.	Colored.					
Abington and Ware Parishes, Gloucester	7	5	3	1	43	1	12	13	8	3	3	46	85	\$300 00
Albmarle Parish, Sussex	6	1	4	2	20	2	11	13	7	2	1	3		15 00
Allen's Creek and Beaver Dam Churches.	6	1		1	14	1		1	2		1	3		
Antrim Parish, Halifax.	3	1	4		73		9	10	6	1	7	11		494 17
Boydton Parish, Augusta.					15						1	2		40 00
Bruton Parish, Williamsburg.	7	2	2	2	73			6	21		7	4		304 40
Clarksburg, Harrison and Weston, Lewis.	2	2	2	1	8									
Cemetary Church, Fort Monroe,	5	1	1	1	18	1	14	1	6	8	2	8		114 12
Christ Church, Smithfield,	1				36						1	1	21	38 00
Christ Church, Lancaster,	1		1	2	20	3		2	5	3	2	4	15	52 00
Christ Church, Middlesex.	3			1	11	1	1		2	3	1	9		21 00
Christ Church, Kingston Parish, Mathews,					3							4		3 00
Christ Church, Winchester,	5		7	1	82		15	15	4		1	4		925 00
Christ Church, Fairfax Parish, Alexandria,	20	10	10	5	141	2	26	2	32	16	4	11	80	295 00
Christ Church, Frederick Parish, Clarke,	1	3	3		60		5	5			2	17	35	700 00
Christ Church, Norfolk.	23	18	18	7	350	2	29	2	38	14	10	17		310 03
Cornwall Parish, Charlotte	3	3	3	1	12		4	4	2		3	3		3179 92
Cumberland Parish, Lu enburg,			3	3	50		4	4			2	3		63 85
Grace Church, Petersburg,	14	1	1	2	58	5	28	4	36	11	10	42		100 00
Grace Church, Lexington,	4	4	4		25			1			4	4	13	21 43
Hamilton Parish, Fauquier,	3	5	3	1	40		7	7	3		4	4		25 00
Hunger's Parish, Northampton,	3	3	3	6	54		5	8	13	3		2	56	260 00
Leeds Parish, Fauquier,				29					7	2		3	14	196 62
Lexington Parish, Amherst,	18	5	5	2	102	1	7	1	2	18	3	4		80 87
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## FORM OF PAROCHIAL REPORT.

<i>Report of</i> <i>r of</i>	<i>Parish,)</i>	<i>Rector of</i> <i>county.</i>	<i>Church,</i>
<i>Communicants:</i>	<i>added</i>	<i>; removed</i>	<i>;</i>
<i>id</i>	<i>; suspended</i>	<i>; total</i>	<i>.</i>
<i>Baptisms:</i>	<i>adults</i>	<i>; viz. white</i>	<i>;</i>
<i>total</i>	<i>; infants</i>	<i>; viz. white</i>	<i>;</i>
<i>total</i>	<i>; total</i>	<i>.</i>	
<i>Confirmations</i>			
<i>Marriages</i>			
<i>Funerals</i>			
<i>Number of families , adults , infants</i>			
<i>Amount collected for the different institutions connected</i>			
<i>with the church, \$</i>			
<i>(Remarks to be added by the Rector.)</i>			

NOTE.—The Clergy are respectfully requested to frame their Parochial Reports in strict conformity with the above; the time and labor required in framing the abstract, and the importance of furnishing the appropriate Committee with a statement as speedily as possible after the opening of the Convention, render this request necessary. The Clergy are further requested, when not attending the Convention, to transmit their reports to the *Secretary*, otherwise he cannot be answerable for their omission in the Journal.

WM. M. BLACKFORD,  
*Secretary of Convention, Lynchburg.*

# A LIST OF THE CLERGY OF THE DIOCESE OF VIRGINIA, WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE PARISHES AND POST OFFICES.

The Clergy who have recently entered the Diocese, or removed from one part to another, are requested, when they present their Parochial Reports to the Convention, to send in the names also of their respective Post Offices, if they expect them to be inserted in the following list.

CLERGY.	PARISH OR CHURCH.	POST OFFICE.
Rt. Rev. Wm. Meade, D. D.		Millwood, Clarke,
Rt. Rev. J. Johns, D. D.		Richmond,
Adie, Rev. George	Shelburne parish,	Leesburg, Loudon.
Andrews, Rev. C. W.	Trinity church,	Shepherdstown, Jefferson
Armstrong, Rev. Wm.	St. Matthew's church,	Wheeling, Ohio
Beall, Rev. Upton	Christ church,	Norfolk.
Bulkley, Rev. O.	Lytleton parish,	Ca Ira, Cumberland.
Berkeley, Rev. P. F.	Raleigh and Dale pr's.,	Amelia Court House
Bowers, Rev. Wm. V.	St. Martin's parish,	New Amsterdam, Ham.
Boyden, Rev. E.	St. Ann's & Walker's ps	Everettsville, Albem.
Bryant, Rev. Wm.	Woodville parish,	Buchanan, Botetourt
Berger, Rev. A.	Bath parish,	Dinwiddie Ct. Ho.
Bollon, M. D., Rev. James	St. Luke's chapel,	Richmond.
Brown, Rev. Templeton	Norborne parish, B'kly.	Middleway, Jefferson
Castleman, Rev. T. T.	Trinity church;	Stahton, Augusta.
Caldwell, Rev. D.	St. Paul's church,	Norfolk.
Chevers, Rev. M. L.	Centurion church,	Old Point Comfort
Chisholm, Rev. James	Norborne parish,	North Mountain, B
Clark, Rev. John T.	Rosnoke parish,	Mt. Laurel, Halifax
Cole, Rev. John	St. Stephen's church,	Culpeper Ct. Ho.
Cook, Rev. John	Officiating in Louisa,	Ætna, Hanover.
Cofer, Rev. J. M.	Residing in Bedford,	Lynchburg.
Christian, Rev. Edmund	Cornwall parish,	Charlotte, Ct. Ho.
Carraway, Rev. G. S.	Kingston p. Math & Mx	Urbanna,
Dame, Rev. G. W.	Camden & Patrick pr's.,	Danville; Pitts.
Dana, Rev. C. B.	Christ Church,	Alexandria, D. C.
Doughen, Rev. James	Residing in	Lynchburg.
Dairymple, Rev. E. A.	Rector Epis. High Sch.	Theo. Sem'y., Fair
Dishow, Rev. C. W.	St. Paul's church,	Suffolk, Nansemond
Denison, Rev. H. M.	Martin's, Brandon par.	Garysville, Pr. G
Duvall, Rev. Wm.	Missionary,	Richmond.
Earnest, Rev. Joseph	St. Thomas' church,	Orange Ct. Ho.
Eunpie, D. D., Rev. A.	St. James' church,	Richmond.
Friend, Rev. Wm.	St. Peter's & Grace ch's	Port Royal, Carol
Fisher, Rev. Andrew	St. James', Southam,	Sublett's Tavern,
Goodwin, Rev. F. D.	Nelson parish,	Tye R. Ware H.
Goodwin, Rev. James	Missionary,	Pt. Pleasant, Mas
Graunmer, Rev. John	Antrim parish,	Halifax Ct. Ho.

Gibson, Rev. C. J.	Grace church,	Petersburg.
Gillet, Rev. Charles	Missionary,	Houston, Texas.
Graham, Rev. Richardson	Missionary,	China.
Good, Rev. W. H.	St. John's church,	Hampton.
Hall, Rev. John H.	Missionary,	Athens, Greece.
Hedges, Rev. William	Bruton Parish,	Williamsburg.
Herring, Rev. Edmund W.	Missionary,	Africa.
Jackon, Rev. W. M.	Trinity; Meade parish,	Upperville, Fauquier.
Jackon, Rev. W. G.	Chaplain U. S. Navy,	
Johnston, Rev. James T.	St. Paul's church,	Alexandria, D. C.
Jones, D.D., Rev. Alexander	St. Andrew's parish,	Charlestown, Jefferson.
Jones, Rev. W. G. H.	Frederick parish,	Millwood, Clarke.
Keeling, Rev. Jacob		Suffolk, Nansemond.
Kinckle, Rev. W. H.	St. Paul's church,	Lynchburg.
Leavell, Rev. W. T.	Westover parish,	Charles City Ct. Ho.
Lee, Rev. J. R.	Missionary,	Africa.
Lemmon, Rev. George	Hamilton parish,	Warrenton, Fauquier.
Lippitt, Rev. E. R.	Ed. S. Churchman,	Alexandria, D. C.
Locke, Rev. Thomas E.	Cumberland parish,	Columbian Grove, Lb'g.
Lockwood, Rev. William F.	{ St. Stephen's Fauq.. { & Zion ch., Fairfax.	{ Haymarket, Pr. Wm.
Mann, Rev. Charles	Abingdon & Ware ps.,	Gloucester Ct. Ho.
May, D. D., Rev. James	Prof. Theo. Seminary,	Theo. Semi'y, Fairfax.
Meade, Rev. R. K.	Christ church,	Charlottesville.
Minnigerode, Rev. Charles	Wm. & Mary College,	Williamsburg.
Morrison, Rev. J. H.	St. John's church,	Richmond.
McCabe, Rev. James D.	Holstein parish, Wash.	Abingdon.
McElroy, Rev. J.	{ Boyden Chapel and { Prin. Female Inst.,	{ Staunton.
McFarland, Rev. M.		
McGuire, D. D., Rev. E. C.	St. George's church,	Fredericksburg.
McGuire, Rev. J. P.	St. Ann's & S. Far'm p.	Loretto, Essex.
McGuire, Rev. F. H.	St. James' church,	Boydton, Mecklenburg.
McGuire, Rev. E. B.	St. Paul's parish,	Old Church, Hanover.
Nelson, Rev. Robert	Woodville parish,	Lexington.
Newell, Rev. C.	Chaplain U. S. Navy,	
Norwood, Rev. W.	St. Paul's church.	Richmond.
Nash, Rev. F. B.		Colesmouth, Kanawha.
Packard, Rev. Joseph	Prof. Theo. Seminary,	Theo. Semi'y, Fairfax.
Payne, Rev. John	Missionary,	Africa.
Pendleton, Rev. W. H.	Leed's parish,	Leed's Manor, Fauq'r.
Rooker, Rev. W. Y.	Frederick parish.	Winchester.
Richmond, Rev. J. B.	Christ ch., Lancaster,	Lancaster Ct. Ho.
Sale, Rev. Nelson		
Slaughter, Rev. P.	Bristol parish,	Petersburg.
Smith, Rev. Thomas	Missionary,	Parkersburg, Wood.
Smith, Rev. Joshua	"	Cape Palmas, Africa.
Smith, Rev. George A.	Prin. Fairfax Institute,	Theo. Semin'y, Fairfax.
Smith, Rev. Aristides	Martin's Brandon par.,	Garysville, Pr. George.
Smith, Rev. Leonidas		Norfolk.
Smith, Rev. Jonathan B. T.	St. George p. Accomae.	
Sparrow, D. D., Rev. W.	Prof. Theo. Seminary.	Theo. Semin'y, Fairfax.
Style, Rev. E. W.	Missionary,	China.
Temple, Rev. H. W. L.		Miller's Tavern, Essex.
Towles, Rev. John	Dettingen & Leed's ps.	Milford Mills, Pr. Wm.

Tyler, Rev. Joseph D.	Prin. Deaf & Dumb Ins.	Staunton,
Tompkins, Rev. S. D.	Moore p. St. John's ch.	Pidgeon Ran, Camp.
Ufford, Rev. J.	Hungar's parish,	Eastville, Northampton.
Ward, Rev. H. W.	Kanawha parish,	
Ward, Rev. W. N.	{ Lunenburg, Farn-	{ Warsaw, Richmond.
	{ ham & Copel ps.	
Wharton, Rev. D. M.	{ Berkely, St. Geor's	{ Mt. Pleasant, Spots.
	{ & St. Margaret ps.	
Wingfield, Rev. J. H.	Trinity church,	Portsmouth.
Woodbridge, Rev. George	Monumental church,	Richmond.
Woodville, Rev. J. W.	St. Mark's parish,	El Dorado, Calpaper.
Wilmer, Rev. J. P. B.	Northam parish,	Pemberton, Goochland.
Wilmer, Rev. R. H.	Wickliffe pah., Clarke,	Berryville, Clarke.
Wilmer, Rev. G. T.	Botetourt parish,	Fincastle, Botetourt.
Withers, Rev. Edmund	Albemarle pah., Sussex,	Jarrett's Depot, Sussex.
Woods, Rev. H. W.	Missionary,	China.
Walke, Rev. Lewis	St. Paul's, King Geo.,	Hampstead, King Geo.
Webb, Rev. Wellington,	Missionary,	Loch Lomond, Gooch.
Waller, M. D., Rev. Wm. I.	St. Ann's parish, Alb.	Brooksville, Albemarle.
Walker, Rev. C.	Lexington parish,	Amherst Court House.

# A LIST

## THE PARISHES OF THE DIOCESE OF VIRGINIA,

WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE  
COUNTIES, CHURCHES AND MINISTERS.

The Clergy will greatly assist the Secretary in completing the list, which is here but imperfectly commenced, if they will ext Convention insert in their Parochial Reports the names of *parishes*, *parishes* and *churches* under their care.

MINISTERS.	COUNTIES.	CHURCHES.	MINISTERS.
	Accomac		Charles Mann,
	Gloucester		John Grammer,
	Halifax	St. Mark's	E. Withers
	Sussex		T. T. Castleman
	Augusta	Trinity	A. J. Berger
	Dinwiddie	Sapony	
	Spottsylvania	St. John's	
		Christ	D. M. Wharton
	Bot. and Roanoke		G. T. Wilmer
	James City		William Hodges
	Augusta	Boyden Chapel	J. McElroy
	Madison	Piedmont,	
		Trinity,	
	Prince George	{ St. Paul's,	P. Slaughter
		{ Grace,	C. J. Gibson
ck,	Stafford		
ck,	King George	Lamb's Creek,	
	Pittsylvania	St. Andrew's	G. W. Dame
rg,	Harrison		T. Smith
	Westmoreland		W. N. Ward
hurch,	Lancaster	Christ	J. B. Richmond
		St. John's	
and,	Lunenburg	St. Paul's	Thomas E. Locke,
		Roanoke	E. Christian
l,	Charlotte		G. S. Carraway,
rurch,	Middlesex		
	Pittsylvania	Danville and Com-	G. W. Dame
		petition	
n,	Prince William	St. James'	John Towles
h City,	Elizabeth City	{ St. John's	W. H. Good
		{ Centurion	M. L. Chevers
		{ St. Paul's	D. Caldwell
h,	Norfolk	{ Christ	U. Beall
		{ Trinity	
		{ Buckmountain	
hville,	Albemarle	{ St. Paul's	W. I. Waller
		{ Rockfish	
		{ Christ	
		Christ	R. K. Meade
k,	Frederick	St. Thomas'	W. Y. Rooker
		{ Christ,	C. B. Dana
	Fairfax	{ St. Paul's	J. T. Johnson
		{ Falls'	



Frederick,	Clarke	Wickliffe The Chapel	{ W. G. H. Jos
Franklin,	Franklin	Grace	G. W. Dams
Genito,	Powhatan	St. John's	P. F. Berkele
Green Spring,	Louisa		J. Earnest
Holstein,	Washington	St. John's	J. D. McCabe
Hampton,	Elizabeth City	{ St. Paul's	W. H. Good
		{ Monumental	Wm. N. Norr
		{ St. John's	George Wood
		{ Christ	J. H. Morriso
Henrico,	Henrico	{ St. James'	A. Empie, D.
		{ St. Luke's	Jas. Bolton, B
		{ Missionary	Wm. Durall
Hanover,	King George	St. John's	Wm. Friend
Hungar's,	Northampton	Hungar's	{ J. Ufford
Hamilton,	Fauquier	Christ	George Lemm
Haymarket,	Prince William		J. Towles
Kanawha,	Kanawha	St. John's	{ H. W. Ward
Kingston,	Matth. & Middlesex	St. Mark's	{ G. S. Carraw
Leeds,	Fauquier	Christ	W. H. Pendle
Lynnhaven,	Princess Ann	{ Emanuel, and	
		{ Chapel	
Lexington,	Amherst	Amherst Ct. Ho.	{ C. Walker
Lunenburg,	Richmond	New Glasgow	{ W. N. Ward
Leeds,	{ Prince William	St. Paul's,	J. Towles
	{ Fauquier	St. Paul's	W. H. Pendle
Lyttleton,	Cumberland		O. Bulkeley
Mancheater,	Chesterfield		
Meade,	Fauquier & Loudon	Trinity	W. M. Jackson
Martin's, Brandon,	Prince George	{ Merchant's Hope	
		{ St. John's Church,	H. M. Deniso
		{ City Point	
Meherrin,	Greenville	{ St. John's	S. D. Tompki
Moore,	Campbell	{ St. Paul's	W. H. Kinck
Norborne,	Berkley,	Trinity,	
		Mt. Zion	{ Jas. Chisholm
Newport,	Isle of Wight	Calvary	
Nelson,	Nelson	Christ church	
		Trinity and	{ F. D. Goodwi
		Callaway	{ W. N. Ward
N. Farnham,	Richmond		
Nottoway,	Nottoway		
Overwharton,	Stafford	Aquia	
Portsmouth,	Norfolk	Trinity	J. H. Wingfield
Pettsworth,	Gloucester		
Russell,	Bedford	Trinity	
Raleigh,	Amelia	St. Stephen's	{ O. A. Kinsolv
Roanoke,	Halifax	Grubb Hill	{ P. F. Berkele
St. James',	Prince William	Mount Laurel	{ J. T. Clarke
St. Andrews,	Brunswick		A. J. Berger
St. George's,	Accomac	St. James' and	{ J. E. T. Smith
		St. George's	{ E. Boyden
St. Ann's,	Albemarle	Christ	
St. Andrew's,	Brunswick	St. Andrew's	
St. Margare's,	Caroline	St. Margare's	D. M. Wharto
St. Mary's,	Caroline	St. Peter's	{ W. Friend
		Grace	{ J. Cole
St. Mark's,	Culpeper	{ St. Stephen's	J. Woodville
		{ St. James'	

an's,	Farnham,	} Essex		J. P. McGuire
artin's,	Hanover			W. V. Bowers
meo's,	Mecklenburg			F. H. McGuire
orge's,	Spotsylvania	St. George's		E. C. McGuire, D. D.
orge's,	Spotsylvania	Christ church		D. M. Wharton
rne,	Loudon	St. James'		George Adie
drew's,	Jefferson	Zion		Alexander Jones, D. D.
claws',	Jefferson	Trinity		C. W. Andrews
st's,	King George	St. Paul's		Lewis Walks
k,	Nansemond	St. Paul's		C. H. Diabrow
wark,	Spyry			
me's, Northam	Goochland, Fluvanna			J. P. B. Wilmer
um,	Powhatan	Petersville		A. Fisher
umpas',	Orange	Manakin	}	Jos. Earnest
	Broke,	St. Thomas'		
		{ St. John's		
		{ Christ church		
ivad's,	King William,			E. B. McGuire
al's,	Hanover			— West
ter's,	New Kent			William Armstrong
ark's,	Kanawha			W. F. Lockwood
shaw's,	Ohio	St. Matthew's		J. Cook, officiating
,	Fairfax	Pabick		T. Smith
y,	Louisa			W. C. Meredith
J,	Wood	St. Peter's		E. Boyden
son,	Buckingham	Goodwin's	}	Charles Mann
ur's, &c.,	Albemarle,	Walker's		
	Gloucester			W. T. Leavell
ington,	Westmoreland			R. H. Wilmer
ver,	Charles City			Robert Nelson
Russell,	Bedford			W. Bryant
ill's,	Clarke			
ville,	Botet. and Rock'oe	{ Grace		
		{ Trinity		

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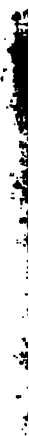
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*PLACES FOR THE MEETING OF CONVENTION.*

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NORFOLK,	<i>Third Wednesday in May,</i>	1848
CHARLOTTESVILLE,	" " "	1849
ALEXANDRIA,	" " "	1850
STAUNTON,	" " "	1851
RICHMOND,	" " "	1852
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WINCHESTER, MAY 13, 1847.

This being the day appointed, by the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Virginia, for the meeting of the Annual Convention of said Diocese, the Right Rev. the Bishop, and the Right Rev. the Assistant Bishop, together with a number of the Clergy and Laity, assembled in Christ Church, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Mr. HOFF, of the Diocese of Maryland, and the Convention Sermon preached by the Rev. JAMES MAY, D. D.

The roll of the Clergy being called, the following were found to be present and entitled to seats :

Rt. Rev. WM. MEADE, D. D.

Rt. Rev. JOHN JOHNS, D. D.

Rev. GEORGE ADIE,	" WM. G. JACKSON,
" C. W. ANDREWS,	" ALEXANDER JONES D. D.
" TEMPLEMAN BROWN,	" WM. G. H. JONES,
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" H. M. DENISON,	" CHARLES MANN,
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" W. Y. ROOKER,	" JOHN TOWLES,
" HORACE STRINGFELLOW,	" EDMUND WITHERS,
" WM. SPARROW, D. D.	" H. D. WARD,
" H. W. L. TEMPLE,	" R. H. WILMER,
" C. W. THOMPSON,	" GEORGE T. WILMER.

The Rev. John P. McGuire and T. M. Ambler, Esq., were appointed a committee to examine the certificates of Lay Delegates who reported the following gentlemen entitled to seats in the Convention :

Christ Church, Alexandria—Cassius F. Lee.  
 Zion Church, St. Andrew's, Jefferson—Bushrod C. Washington.  
 Westover Parish, Charles City—F. L. Marshall.  
 Grace Church, Petersburg—Josephus Hurt.  
 Leeds' Church, Fauquier—Thomas M. Ambler.  
 Wickliffe Parish, Clarke—Ed. J. Smith.  
 Trinity Church, Staunton—Wm. H. Garber.  
 St. James' Church, Culpeper—R. H. Cunningham.  
 St. Thomas' Church, Orange—Jacqueline P. Taliaferro.  
 St. James' Church, Brentsville, Prince William—Wm. J. Weiss.  
 Christ Church, Winchester—Philip Williams.  
 St. Paul's Church, Petersburg—John Rowlett.  
 Lyttleton Parish, Cumberland—Nelson Page.  
 St. George's Church, Fredericksburg—Wm. Pollock.  
 East Russell Parish, Bedford—Wm. M. Blackford.  
 Antrim Parish, Halifax—C. H. Cabanis.  
 Hamilton Parish, Fauquier—Robert L. Randolph.  
 Norborne Parish, Berkeley—Edmund P. Hunter.  
 Christ Church, Charlottesville—Chas. J. Meriwether.  
 St. Paul's Church, Richmond—Thomas H. Ellis.  
 Christ Church, Mill Creek, Norborne Parish, Berkeley—Wm. Morgan.  
 Christ Church Parish, Lancaster—Raleigh D. Carter.  
 St. Paul's Church, Lynchburg—Samuel W. Shelton.  
 Roanoke Parish, Halifax—Patrick H. Foster.  
 Cumberland Parish, Lunenburg—Francis W. Whittle.  
 St. Thomas' Church, St. Thomas' Parish, Frederick—Isaac F. Hill.  
 Bruton Parish, Williamsburg—Richard Randolph.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to meet to-morrow, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

THURSDAY, MAY 20, 9 A. M.

The Convention met, pursuant to adjournment, and was opened by prayer by the Rt. Rev. the Assistant Bishop.

On motion, THOMAS H. ELLIS, Esq., was requested to act as Treasurer, *pro tem*.

The following Clergymen, not present yesterday, reported themselves and took their seats:

The Rev. C. B. DANA,  
 " " WM. V. BOWERS,  
 " " JOSEPH P. B. WILMER,  
 " " J. H. WINGFIELD.

On motion, Clergymen from other Dioceses, present on the occasion, were invited to take seats within the bar of the Convention—whereupon, the following gentlemen availed themselves of the privilege, viz: Rev. Messrs. Butler, Peterkin, Bean, Hoff, Nelson, Holmead and Pendleton, of the Diocese of Maryland, and the Rev. Mr. McCoy, of the Diocese of Massachusetts.

The Rules of Order of the last Convention were then read, and, on motion, were adopted for the government of the present.

#### RULES OF ORDER.

1. The Convention shall be opened every day with prayer.
2. When the President takes the Chair, no member shall continue standing, nor shall afterwards stand up, except to address the Chair.
3. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the Convention, he shall rise from his seat and respectfully address himself to the President, and shall confine himself to the question under debate and avoid personality.
4. If any member, in speaking or otherwise, transgress the rules of the Convention, the President shall, or any member may, call to order, in which case, the member so called to order shall immediately take his seat, unless permitted to explain, and the Convention shall, if appealed to, decide on the case, but without debate; and, if there be no appeal, the decision of the Chair shall be submitted to; if the des-

cision be in favor of the member called to order, he shall be at liberty to proceed; if otherwise, and the case require it, he shall be liable to the censure of the Convention.

5. When two or more members happen to rise at once, the President shall name the member who is first to speak.

6. No member shall speak more than twice to the same question without leave of the Convention, nor more than once, until every member, choosing to speak, shall have spoken.

7. Whilst the President is putting any question, or addressing the Convention, none shall walk out of, or across, the house, nor in such case, nor when a member is speaking, shall entertain private discourse—nor, whilst a member is speaking, shall pass between him and the Chair.

8. No member shall vote on any question in the event of which he is immediately and particularly interested, nor in any case where he was not present when the question was put.

9. Upon a division and count of the Convention on any question, no member without the limits allotted as seats of the members shall be counted.

10. Every member who shall be in the house, when the question is put, shall give his vote, unless the Convention, for special reasons, shall excuse him.

11. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be stated by the President, or, being in writing, it shall be handed to the Chair, and read aloud by the Secretary, before debate.

12. Every motion shall be reduced to writing if the President or any member require it.

13. After a motion is stated by the President, or read by the Secretary, it shall be deemed to be in possession of the Convention, but may be withdrawn at any time before decision or amendment.

14. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received but to adjourn, to lie on the table, for the previous question, to postpone indefinitely, or to a certain day, to commit to a committee, or to amend—which several motions shall have precedence in the order they stand arranged.

15. A motion to a journal shall always be in order, and shall be decided without debate.

16. The previous question shall be in this form—"Shall the main

question be now put? It shall be admitted only when demanded by a majority of the members present, and, until it is decided, shall preclude all amendments and further debate on the main question.

17. On the previous question there shall be no debate.

18. When a question is decided by the Convention, or is postponed indefinitely, the same shall not be acted upon again during the session, without the consent of two-thirds of the members present.

19. Any member may call for the division of a question, where the sense will admit of it, but a question to strike out and insert shall be deemed indivisible.

20. No new motion or proposition shall be admitted, under color of amendment, as a substitute for the motion or proposition under debate.

21. When a motion has been once made and carried in the affirmative or negative, it shall be in order for any member of the majority to move a reconsideration thereof, on the same or next day.

22. No member shall absent himself from the service of the Convention unless he have leave, or be sick and unable to attend.

23. The President shall, at his discretion, select suitable seats without the limit of those pews allotted for the use of members, which shall be appropriated to the exclusive accommodation of visiting clergymen and candidates for orders, who may be invited by the rector or wardens of the church in which the meetings of the Convention are held, under the direction of the President of the Convention; it being expected that those to whom such seats are appropriated will confine themselves to the same.

24. No spectator shall, during the daily sessions of the Convention, be admitted above or within the pews allotted to the members of the Convention, and it is expected and hoped that not only the spectators will attend to this regulation, but that the rector and wardens of the church in which the sessions of the Convention are held will see that this rule of order is not violated.

25. There shall, on the *second* day of the Convention, be appointed by the President, unless otherwise directed by the Convention, the following standing committees, to consist of an equal number of each order:

A committee on the state of the Church, to whom shall be referred the addresses of the Bishop and Assistant Bishop, on the opening of the Convention.

A committee on the Fund for the support of Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen.

A committee on the Episcopal Fund.

A committee on the accounts of the Treasurer of the Mission Society.

A committee on Parochial Reports.

A committee on the Admission of New Parishes.

A committee of Elections.

A committee of Finance, consisting of laymen.

26. The credentials of the Lay Delegates shall be handed to the Secretary, and be by him read to the Convention, and, if it appear that there is any doubt as to the right of any delegate to the same shall be referred to the Committee of Elections, to be by said committee forthwith examined into and reported upon to the Convention.

27. When three members require it, the vote, on all questions, shall be by ayes and noes.

28. None of the Rules of Order shall be suspended without the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present.

29. The business first in order, after the organization of the Convention, shall be the appointment of a Treasurer *pro tem.*, if the Treasurer is not a member of the Convention; reading of the Addresses; the proceedings of the Standing Committee; and Parochial Reports.

The Reports of the Bishop and Assistant Bishop were then read.

### BISHOP MEADE'S REPORT.

*Dear Brethren and Friends*—This is the seventeenth occasion on which I have been permitted to report to you the Episcopal services of the year. The visitations have been somewhat less than usual; the other services have been heavier. Immediately after the last Convention, I proceeded to Chesterfield county, but by reason of debility, consequent on the duties just performed, was unable to fulfil my appointment at old Sapony Church. That at Grubhill, in Amelia, was met on the 27th of May, as were those at Genito Bridge, on the 28th and 29th, where two persons were confirmed. On those of the 30th and 31st, at St. Luke's Powhatan, one person was confirmed, and the Rev. Mr. Fisher admitted to Priest's orders. On the 1st of June, three persons were confirmed at Peterville Church. On the 3rd, five at Beaver Dam, in Goochland. The 4th and 5th were spent in services at St. Paul's. On the 7th, five persons were confirmed at Columbia, in Fluvanna. On the 8th, one person was confirmed at the Church near Cartersville, in Cumberland county. On the 9th, services were held at Ca Ira. On the 11th, at Curdsville, in Buckingham. Heavy rains and high waters prevented my attendance at the Court House. Services were held, on the 13th and 14th, at the Church, on Green Mountain, in Albemarle, where three persons were confirmed. After spending one day in Charlottesville, instead of proceeding to my remaining appointments in Fauquier and Prince William, which were visited soon after by Bishop Johns, I went to New York, in order to take part in the deliberations of the Board of Missions. Whilst there, I attended a meeting of the Trustees of the General Seminary, and also a special call of the Managers of our Sunday School Union. The proceedings of these several bodies, having been spread before the public, need not be noticed. It may not be improper to add that, while in New York, I took part in laying the corner stone of a new Church in that city. It was not without great reluctance, for reasons which need not be mentioned, that I consented to perform that service, though not an Episcopal act; and the only condition on which I promised so to do, was that all the Bishops, assembled in New York at the time, should be invited to attend, and if I were the oldest present I would perform the duty requested. On reaching New York, and finding that neither of my senior brethren were present, I fulfilled my promise by taking a leading part in the midst of several of my younger brethren of the Episcopate.

The duties in New York being over, I returned to Virginia, and spent a week at the Seminary and High School. At the close of the exercises of the occasion, I admitted to the Deaconship the following persons—Mr. D. Francis Sprigg, Henry C. Lay, John Stearns, George H. Norton, James A. Woodward, Dudley A. Tyng, Ambler A. Weed, John M. Banister—the Rev. Dr. Tyng, of New York, preaching the ordination sermon. From this time, until September, I remained at



home, performing no Episcopal services, except the confirmation of five persons in the Church at Berryville. In September, I commenced the fall visitation at Middletown, in Frederick county, where one person was confirmed : thence to Harrisonburg, where I spent a day and baptized one infant : thence to Fort Republic, where four persons were confirmed : thence to Staunton, where two days were spent, and where I baptized one child, and one adult, and confirmed twenty-two persons : thence to the Chapel in the neighborhood, where four were confirmed : thence to Lexington, where two days were spent, two persons confirmed, and the Rev. Mr. Nelson and the Rev. Mr. Walker admitted to Priest's orders—the Rev. Mr. Castleman preaching the ordination sermon. The next service was at Buchanan, where two days were spent, a new church consecrated, and three persons confirmed. Two days were also spent at Fincastle, and as many at the Brick Church in Roanoke. At the former two persons were confirmed. The next appointment was in Liberty, Bedford county, where two days were spent and three persons were confirmed. Service was also held one day at St. Thomas', and two days at St. Stephen's, where three persons were confirmed. Two days were also given to Trinity Church in the same county. At Lynchburg I spent two days, and confirmed six persons. From Lynchburg, crossing the river, I entered Amherst, and spent a day at Pedlar Mills, confirming two persons; another day at Rucker's Church; and another at New Glasgow. At the Church in Rockfish Gap, I confirmed three; spent one day at the North Garden in Albemarle; another at St. Paul's, where seven were confirmed, and the Rev. Dr. Waller admitted to the Priesthood—Mr. Boyden preaching on the occasion. Five persons were also confirmed at Buck Mountain Church; three at Charlottesville; four at Walker's Church; one at the new Church in Louisa; one at Orange Court House, where I spent three days, being kept one day by heavy rains and high waters, which prevented my visit to Madisen. Two days were spent at Culpeper Court House; on one of them, being the day of Annual Thanksgiving, I spoke somewhat at length on the subject. A heavy rain prevented my attendance at St. James. At Fauquier Court House, I spent two days and confirmed two persons. The foregoing services occupied about two months. Returning home, I spent a few days, and then visited the congregations in Jefferson and Berkley, beginning at Smithfield, where one was confirmed—spending a day at Leetown—then two at Charlestown, where four white persons and three colored ones were confirmed; then two days at Shepherdstown, where two were confirmed; two at Martinsburg, where four were confirmed; two at Hedgesville, confirming one; one at Back Creek, where a new Church was consecrated; one at Bunker's Hill, where two were confirmed. This was the last of my appointments and brought me to the winter season.

It will be noticed that, in the foregoing narrative, I have confined myself, almost entirely, to a simple statement of places visited, time spent at them and such services rendered as were strictly Episcopal.

I hope my brethren of the Clergy will not feel themselves slighted, because, on this occasion, for the sake of brevity, I have omitted to mention how kindly and abundantly they supplied my lack of service, by their many and faithful discourses, in all the churches visited; while I could only add my testimony to their truth, in a few words of exhortation following after. My inability to perform the duties of the pulpit leads them to collect together more certainly, and in greater numbers, so that my visitations are more like continued clerical associations, adjourned from parish to parish. Neither will they complain that I do not make particular mention of the more interesting circumstances belonging to each parish, since all these will soon be heard in the Parochial Reports about to be read. I have but little to add in the way of visits and confirmations. During the Spring, I have confirmed two persons in the Church at Millwood; three at the Church at Fairfax Court House; eleven in St. Paul's and four in Christ Church, Alexandria; three at the Female School of Mr. and Mrs. Mercer, in Loudon county; and nine in Leesburg. In re-visiting the scene of the pious labors of the late Miss Mercer, peculiar were the emotions awakened within me at thought of the past. Little did I think when, two years since, I dedicated her little chapel to the worship of Almighty God, herself and the interesting group of pupils and crowd of poor neighbors being present, that when I again should visit it, her lifeless form would repose beneath its humble chancel. I was happy to find that those who have taken her place, together with the teachers who for years have been conducting the School, are anxiously and faithfully endeavoring to sustain its well earned reputation.— Most sincerely do I wish them success.

In continuance of my report, I have to state that I have been enabled to pay my annual visit to the Seminary, and spend a few weeks in delivering, each day, some plain practical lectures to the class about to graduate and enter on the duties of the ministry.

I am directed, by one of the canons, to present to the Convention a list of candidates admitted, and ministers received or dismissed, during the year, and accordingly now state, that I have added to the number of candidates, Mr. J. C. McCabe, Anderson Wade, Edmund Richards, Robert Castleman, Alexander G. Tyng, Cleveland Keith, Charles H. Shields, Robert D. Brooke, Charles J. Fox, Charles W. Quick, William N. Irish, George Hall, W. H. C. Robertson, William D. Hanson and Samuel Boyd. I have received, by letters dismission from Maryland, the Rev. Mr. Stringfellow and the Rev. Mr. Flower. I have transferred the Rev. Mr. Stearns and the Rev. Mr. Tyng to the Diocese of New York; the Rev. Mr. Woods to Maryland; the Rev. Mr. Lay and Mr. Zimmer, a candidate for orders, to Alabama; the Rev. Mr. Woodward to Georgia; and the Rev. Dr. Waller to Kentucky.

Having now completed the statement of those Episcopal acts required to be reported to the Convention, let me add a few words concerning two of those agencies for the promotion of our Church's welfare, which are under the direction or patronage of the Convention.

First, let me allude to our High School, instituted for the purpose of advancing the cause of Christian education. For the last eighteen months, it has been conducted by the Rev. Mr. Dalrymple, in such manner as to obtain for itself the highest commendation of many who are well qualified to judge of its character.

The professors of our Seminary, who have the best opportunity observing its operation, and who attend its examinations, assure — that, for good government, for the promotion of studious habits, the development and active exercise of all the faculties of the youth — mind and for great proficiency in learning, no institution in the land can surpass it; while a faithful attention is also paid to religious instruction.

I sincerely hope, therefore, that parents and guardians in our Diocese, remembering the great expense which has been incurred in rearing this Institute, and the pains taken to make it a nursery of young Christians for the Church and State, will afford it that patronage which it so justly deserves, so reasonably expects, and which is so necessary to its prosperity. In the next place, as to our Theological Seminary. It continues still to enjoy the smiles of God, and a good share of the favor of the Church, and yields to the Diocese most effectual service. But its funded capital is yet far from being sufficient for the support of the Professors, so that we have to depend on annual contributions for one-half of their salaries, as well as for all other expenses. Greatly is it to be desired, that this fund were increased to the needful amount, and earnestly do we commend the same to the members of our Church, while living and when dying; but, until such increase shall be made, we hope and entreat that our ministers and their congregations will be faithful in attending to the reasonable calls that are annually made upon them.

And now, dear Brethren, one other notice, one painful notice, remains to be made. It has been reserved for the last, because of its solemn and warning character. The past year has been distinguished from all previous years by the more numerous inroads of death upon the clergy of Virginia. Four of our beloved brethren have been called away from us, for the most part, suddenly, unexpectedly. In the death of the Rev. Mr. Bryant, the Diocese has lost one of the most single minded, kind hearted and disinterested of men, as all who knew him can testify. Leaving the service of his country for the more immediate service of his God, under circumstances forbidding all doubt as to the purity of his motives, he devoted himself to his duty, and was loved and esteemed by all. Suddenly, and when his prospects for usefulness and happiness were most promising, he was taken away from his family and people—leaving another warning to us all, that 'in the midst of life we are in death.' In the death of the Rev. Mr. Lemmon, the Church has parted with one who had grown old and grey in her service, having devoted all his strength of body and mind to the promotion of her welfare. He who now addresses you has lost his earliest and oldest brother in the ministry. Our acquaintance, our friendship, our choice of the ministry, are all of the same date, and

reach back to forty years save one. During all this period, we have seen living in the most intimate communion of soul. A sounder theologian, a more true-hearted minister, a more sincere Christian, I have never known. In that most afflictive dispensation which has deprived the large congregation of Norfolk of the Rev. Mr. Beall, we have indeed sustained a loss not easily to be supplied. He was suddenly cut off in the midst of years, full of vigor, abundant in labors, and esteemed by all as a faithful man of God, mingling great discretion with an integrity and firmness which knew nothing of hesitation, or doubt, or compromise, where truth or duty was concerned. His character has been portrayed by the brother at my side, so fully and so justly, that I need only refer you to that picture, which all my knowledge of him testifies to be a faithful and true one. And yet, once more, in the death of the Rev. Mr. Smith, we have lost a fellow laborer who, from his first entrance on the ministry, has been spending and being spent in the service of the Church. In his disposition and manners he was kind and charitable, and thereby, as well as by his active zeal, secured to himself warm friends in the places where he exercised his ministry.

Need I say, to my brethren in the ministry, that, in these bereavements, God has addressed to us all very solemn admonitions to prepare for our own summons. In the continual personal exercise of repentance towards God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, with their accompanying graces; in the zealous enforcing of the same from the pulpit; and in the faithful discharge of every ministerial duty, we also may be prepared to meet our God, and to be re-united to those beloved brethren, who have gone before us. In the cultivation of the same graces, and in obeying those who rule over them, in all things enjoined of the Lord, and following them, only so far as they follow Christ, you also, dear brethren of the Laity, will again meet God's ministers with joy and not with grief, and, together with them, make up the Church triumphant in Heaven.

That such may be the happy lot of us all, may God grant for his son Jesus Christ's sake.

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### BISHOP JOHNS' REPORT.

In enumerating the services in which I have engaged, during the Conventional year which has just closed, I commence with a statement of those which were performed in Petersburg, immediately after the adjournment of our last Convention.

Sunday, May 24—In St. Paul's Church, I delivered an address to the congregation on the subject of confirmation and administered that apostolic rite to seven persons. In the afternoon of the same day, in Grace Chapel, I confirmed eight persons.

May 31—In St. Paul's Church, Richmond, I admitted Mr. S. W. Childs to the order of Deacons. The sermon was preached and the candidate presented by the Rev. Mr. Norwood. An exhortation, as directed by the rubric, was delivered by myself.

June 10—I left Richmond to visit the Churches South of the Rappahannock, and the same night preached in St. George's Church, Fredericksburg. My appointment for the next morning was at Grace Church, Caroline. The incessant rain preventing the congregation from assembling, I passed on to Port Royal where I preached, June 12th.

June 13, 14—Were assigned to Vawter's Church, Essex. The continual rain, however, detained me at Port Royal until the morning of the 14th, when I succeeded in reaching the Church, and preached to a congregation, which in size did not seem to have been affected by the unpleasantness of the weather.

June 15—Was occupied in travelling to Tappahannock, where, at night, after a sermon by the Rev. Mr. Ward, I addressed the congregation.

June 16—In the morning I preached at Tappahannock, and in the afternoon proceeded to the vicinity of my next appointment.

June 17—Preached at St. Paul's, Essex, and confirmed four persons, and in the afternoon delivered an address, after a sermon by the Rev. Mr. Ward.

June 18—Preached in St. David's Church.

June 19—Preached in the Old Church, in Hanover county, and in afternoon of the same day, rode to Mrs. Mason's, New Kent, where I was called to engage in sad, but I trust salutary, services. Mr. Nelson, her son-in-law, who for several months had been suffering from an incurable malady, and who was anxiously waiting my arrival, that he might avail himself of the occasion to renew his baptismal vows, and seek the strength and solace which may be expected in the due observance of this sacred service, I found at the point of death, incapable of the formal part of the holy rite, but I trust not of the spirit of the devotion by which it should be attended. As I raised my voice in prayer, removing the locks which obstructed his hearing, he gave the last indication of intelligence, and caught the last language of supplication of which he was conscious. In a few hours, the silence of the night was broken by the shrieks of bereavement, and it became my melancholy privilege to endeavor to minister the precious consolations of the Gospel to the worthy, but sorely afflicted, family with which I sojourned.

June 20—The previous day had been to me one of unusual solemnity and sorrow. In addition to the sad scene to which I have adverted, it had brought to me the distressing tidings of the death of two valued friends in Richmond—one a kind and beloved neighbor, of whose grateful hospitality I had partaken just before leaving my home, and for whose sudden departure I was ill prepared—the other, an aged and honored Christian, at whose couch I had often been permitted to bend in prayer, and whose departure was as rich in hope as her life had been abundant in the fruits of faith. With these impressive events in mind, I reached St. Peter's, New Kent, on the morning of the 20th of June, and preached to the congregation, I hope not unprofitably, on a subject in keeping with these providential admonitions.

June 21—I preached at St. Thomas' Church, Wyanoke, and con-  
firmed four persons. This service completed the visitation, and the  
day I returned to Richmond.

July 5—I preached in Immanuel Church, Newcastle, Delaware.

July 8, 9, 10—I was engaged in attending the examination at the  
Theological Seminary, and visiting the High School, both of which  
showed such evidences of skill and fidelity on the part of the pre-  
sents, and good order, diligence and improvement on the part of the  
pupils, that I found continued and increased cause of gratitude that we  
dealt with Institutions so well calculated to advance the inter-  
ests of sound education and evangelical religion. The extending and  
deserved reputation of the High School must ensure it a patron-  
age which will enable it to stand and flourish on its own resources.—  
The organization of the Seminary occasions a different operation and  
management. Within its walls instruction is gratuitously afforded to all, and,  
under circumstances require, the other expenses of the student are  
defrayed. It must therefore be sustained by the voluntary con-  
tributions of its friends, and its very excellencies, which make it attrac-  
tive to youthful aspirants to the ministry, by multiplying its pupils, in-  
crease the demand for enlarged contributions for its support. It would  
be wrong to conceal that these have not been adequate. Time after  
time, the Trustees have been much embarrassed in its pecuniary man-  
agement. They have been pained to find the salaries of the profes-  
sors and other expenses irregularly provided for, and this often only  
by numerous impositions on the generosity of an individual, who, to  
maintain the credit of the Institution, is frequently called on to assume  
responsibilities and endure annoyances, to which he ought not to be  
subjected to be subject. To prevent the recurrence of such difficul-  
ties the Convention, which met at Lynchburg, resolved that application  
aid should be made beyond the limits of our own Diocese, with  
distinct understanding and pledge, that renewed efforts should be  
made among ourselves. The appeal to our distant friends has added  
more than twelve thousand dollars to our invested fund. But at home  
we have not met our engagement, and I now take the liberty of allu-  
ding to our remissness, in hope that this Convention will not adjourn  
without adopting efficient measures to redeem our pledge, and place  
the beloved Seminary on a full and firm foundation.

July 9th—I attended and addressed an early morning meeting, in  
First Church, Alexandria, and at 8 o'clock, A. M., I held a confirma-  
tion in the Chapel of the Seminary, on which occasion five persons  
were confirmed, two of whom were pupils of the High School.

July 10—I united with Bishops Meade and Lee in the ordination  
services in Christ Church, Alexandria.

July 11—I rode to Leesburg, and at night addressed the congrega-  
tion after a sermon by the Rev. Mr. Thompson.

It was my intention on this ride to have turned aside for a few  
days, as usual, at Belmont, that I might enjoy the gratification of vis-  
iting the excellent Female Seminary, there established by Miss Mer-  
cer. Her absence, however, deprived me of the anticipated pleasure,

which I the more lament, as it was soon followed by the afflicting intelligence of her death—if indeed an end so serene and sweet as I have produced the enquiry by her own lips, “can this be death?”—should be called more than its “shadow.” I dare not trust myself but to allude to one so much admired and dearly loved. Her memoir, I understand, is in preparation by one who lacks neither the sympathy nor the skill for the service, and in and by this, as well as through the influence of her numerous and worthy pupils, I trust, our departed sister will still and long speak to survivors.

July 12—I preached in the morning in St. James Church, Leet-  
burg, and by request presented the claims of our Theological Semina-  
ry. The appeal was responded to by a contribution of \$500, which  
I placed in the hands of the Treasurer. At night I preached in the  
same church.

July 13—I proceeded as far as Aldie, and the next morning was  
furnished by Mr. Berkeley with a conveyance to Hay Market.

July 14—I preached in St. Paul’s, Prince William, and confirmed  
four persons.

July 15—I preached in Zion Church, Fairfax, and confirmed three  
persons.

July 16—I preached in St. James’, Prince William, and confirmed  
three persons. At Brentsville, in this parish, a substantial stone edi-  
fice has been commenced, and is so far advanced, that only the inter-  
ior finish is necessary to fit it for use. I trust the requisite funds for  
this purpose will soon be provided, and the building consecrated to the  
service of Almighty God.

July 17—I preached in St. Stephen’s, Fauquier, and confirmed four  
persons. In the evening I rode to Warrenton, and at night, after a  
sermon by the Rev. W. H. Pendleton, I addressed the congregation.

July 18—I proceeded to Leed’s parish.

July 19—My appointment for this morning was at the Church on  
Leed’s Manor, but a heavy rain prevented the congregation from as-  
sembling. I read service, however, and lectured at Oak Hill.

July 20—In passing to Oak Hill, I had, on the preceding Saturday,  
left notice at Salem, that service might be expected there as I return-  
ed, and on this morning I preached in the Methodist Church, which  
had been kindly offered to us, to a large and attentive congregation.—  
It is the intention of our friends in this vicinity to erect a church in  
this village, to be under the pastoral charge of the Rector of Leeds  
Parish.

After the services at Salem, I rode to Warrenton, and at night, after  
a sermon by the Rev. W. H. Pendleton, addressed the congregation.

July 21—I preached at Warrenton and confirmed six persons.

July 22—I preached at Little Forks Church, Culpeper, where, not-  
withstanding the rain, the swollen streams and bad roads, we were  
met by a very respectable congregation, and I performed the usual  
services. I had made my arrangements to give another day to this  
Church, but the prospect of the continuance of the rain, which had  
already rendered travelling in that region almost impossible, determin-

ed me, on consultation with those interested, to recall the second appointment, and, as the line of my visitation terminated at this Church, returned from thence to Richmond.

During the remainder of July, in August and September, I performed the following services:

July 26—I preached in St. Luke's, Richmond.

August 9—I preached at Cape May, New Jersey.

August 16—I preached in Immanuel Church, New Castle, Delaware.

August 23—I preached in Epsom Chapel, Baltimore county, Maryland.

Sept. 6—I preached in Little Falls Church, Fairfax.

Sept. 13—I preached in St. Paul's, Alexandria, in the morning; and, in the afternoon, in Christ Church.

Sept. 20—I preached in St. Paul's, Richmond.

Oct. 4—I preached in St. John's, Richmond.

Oct. 11—In the Monumental Church, Richmond, I admitted the Rev. William Duvall to Priest's orders. Morning service was read by the Rector, who, with the Rev. Dr. Empie, by whom the candidate was presented, united in the imposition of hands. Sermon by myself.

Oct. 12—I took passage in the canal boat for Lynchburg, and arrived there the next evening.

Oct. 14—Preached in St. Paul's, Lynchburg.

Oct. 15—Accompanied by the Rev. Mr. Doughen, I rode to Liberia, and at night preached in the Presbyterian Church—our own house of worship not yet being completed. This, it was supposed, would be effected by my return, and I accordingly made my arrangements for consecration at that time. The Vestry, however, were disappointed in their calculations, and the service remains to be performed at the next visit.

Oct. 16—I resumed my journey towards Abingdon. In the evening, at Big Lick, I was joined by the Rev. G. T. Wilmer, who kindly consented to accompany me on my route and share in the services by the way.

After riding that night and the next day, we reached Wytheville late on Saturday, and were here met by the Rev. James D. McCabe.

Oct. 18—In the morning, in the Presbyterian Church in Wytheville, the Rev. Mr. Wilmer read prayers, and I preached, and confirmed the person. At night, in the Methodist Church, the Rev. Mr. McCabe read prayers, and, after a sermon by the Rev. G. T. Wilmer, I addressed the congregation. Wytheville is one of the Missionary stations at which the Rev. Mr. McCabe officiates, and with encouraging prospects. At present, his services are conducted in the Court house, and, of course, under many disadvantages. By the zeal and energy of a female communicant residing there, more than \$400 have been obtained for the purpose of erecting a Church, and it is to be



hoped that this commendable beginning will soon secure the gratification of the Christian feelings in which it originated.

Oct. 19—We resumed our journey, and that evening reached the Seven Mile Ford, where we were kindly received and comfortably entertained by Mr. Hanson. The next morning we arrived at Abingdon.

Oct. 22—I consecrated St. Thomas' Church, Abingdon. The sentence of consecration was read by the Rev. Mr. McCabe. Morning prayer by the Rev. Mr. Wilmer, and sermon by myself. At night, the Rev. Mr. Wilmer preached, and I followed with an address.

Oct. 23—I preached in the morning; and at night, after a sermon by the Rev. Mr. Wilmer, I again addressed the congregation.

Oct. 24—I preached and baptized two infants, at the request of the Rector.

Oct. 25—In the morning, I preached and united with the Rev. Mr. Wilmer and the Rector in administering the communion. In the afternoon, I preached to the colored people and confirmed two; at night I preached and confirmed two persons.

It was my intention on this visit to have admitted the Rev. Mr. McCabe to Priest's orders, and every arrangement was made for the service, which, on many accounts, it was desirable to have performed in this place. But the failure to attend on the part of several Presbyters whose presence had been relied on, left us without the number of that order proper on such occasions, and not only caused great disappointment to the congregation and their minister, but rendered it necessary for him, at a subsequent and inclement season, to leave his parish and subject himself to a fatiguing journey and heavy expense in the accomplishment of his wishes.

In taking leave of this interesting congregation, it may be proper to notice, briefly, some particulars of its history. In the month of January preceding the consecration, the Rev. Mr. McCabe, invited by a few friends of the Church in that vicinity, and with the promise of aid from the Missionary Society of the Diocese, entered upon his duties as the Minister of the then but recently organized parish of Holston. He commenced his services in the Court House, in Abingdon. The inconvenience of that building for religious worship soon suggested the importance of providing some more appropriate place. Though not without apprehension as to the practicability of the undertaking, the reasonable wishes of their Minister were at once, and cordially, responded to by the few, but liberally minded, parishioners who had gathered around him. Fifteen hundred dollars were immediately subscribed in the village and vicinity. This, together with contributions obtained in Eastern Virginia, determined them to prosecute their undertaking. The corner-stone of the Church was laid on the 24th of June last, and in less than four months the house was completed and consecrated to the service of Almighty God. The Church is a plain Doric structure, 45 by 33 feet, having an open vestibule, supported by two columns, and surmounted by an Ionic tower of four pyramids—the height from base to pinnacle being 57 feet. In the re-

the building there is a comfortable Vestry room. The pulpit, desk, angel rail, pews and gallery front, are of black walnut, and give a very becoming finish to the whole interior. On the same lot with the church, there is a suitable parsonage fitted up for the use of the Minister. The entire cost of the lot, church and parsonage, is about \$200. The prospects of the congregation are encouraging, and it must cheer the hearts of the contributors and other friends of our Diocesan Missionary Society, to know that, by their co-operation, the church has thus been established permanently, as we hope, in that scant, but highly interesting and important, part of our State.

Oct. 26—In company with Mr. Thomas Preston and family, we went to Saltville, Smyth county, another point to which the Rev. Mr. McCabe directs his labors. On our way, at the suggestion of Mr. Preston, who had provided horses for the purpose, we left the carriage and, under his guidance, rode across to visit Henry and Emory College, where we were politely received and conducted through the establishment by one of the Professors. The cheapness of the necessary means of subsistence, in that abundant region, so reduces the expenses connected with a collegiate course, that it may be conducted with great economy—a fact, the consideration of which may have an important influence upon any further plans which we may adopt in the performance of our duty in this respect.

At Saltville, I officiated in the afternoon, and only regretted that my limited time rendered the service necessarily a hasty one, and prevented a repetition. The place is evidently one of much missionary interest, and the labors of the Rev. Mr. McCabe, sustained and encouraged as he is by the Christian zeal and energy of the worthy proprietor of the extensive works there established, promise to be productive of much good.

Tuesday morning, Oct. 27—Having met all the appointments which had been made, I turned my face homeward, and travelling night and day, with scarce any intermission, I reached Richmond, on Saturday afternoon, Oct. 31st.

Nov. 15—I preached in the morning in the Monumental Church, and in the afternoon at the Armory.

Nov. 22—I consecrated Calvary Church, Dinwiddie Court House. Sentence of consecration by the Rev. Mr. Gibson. Morning service by the Rev. Mr. Bannister. Sermon by myself. The erection of this neat little edifice, and the gathering of the congregation, for whose use it has been built, are the fruits of the occasional services of the Rev. Mr. Gibson, who, in addition to his labors in Petersburg, engaged in the cultivation of this portion of Bath parish, under the permission of its former Rector. The Rev. Mr. Gibson has since retired from that station, and has been succeeded by the Rev. Mr. Bannister, who has been elected as their Minister, by the Vestry of Bath parish, and now officiates at Old Saponi and Calvary Churches, Dinwiddie county.

Nov. 29—I preached in Merchants' Hope Church, Prince George

county and, by the request of the Rector, administered the communion.

Dec. 2—In St. Paul's Lecture Room, Richmond, I addressed the congregation, after the Rev. Mr. Bannister.

Dec. 6—In St. James' Church, Richmond, I admitted the Rev. James D. McCabe to Priest's orders. Morning service by the Rev. Mr. Duvall, who, with the Rev. Dr. Empie, by whom the candidate was presented, united in the imposition of hands. Sermon by myself. At night, I preached in St. Paul's Church.

Dec. 13—I preached in St. Luke's Church, Richmond.

Dec. 20—I preached in St. Paul's, Richmond, in the morning and also at night.

Dec. 23—I addressed the congregation in St. Paul's Lecture Room, after the Rev. Mr. Thompson.

Dec. 25—I preached in St. John's, Richmond, and, by request of the Rector, administered the communion.

Dec. 27—I preached in the Monumental Church, Richmond.

Dec. 29—By request, I preached to a very numerous congregation of colored people, in Richmond.

Dec. 30—Lectured in St. Paul's Church.

1847—Jan. 3—In the morning, I preached in St. Paul's, and at night confirmed one person.

Jan. 10—I preached in St. Paul's Church.

Jan. 13—Lectured in the same.

Jan. 16—By request, I delivered an address, in St. Paul's, to the recruits.

Jan. 17—In St. James' Church, I delivered an address for the Bishop Moore Prayer Book Society.

Jan. 24—I preached in St. Paul's in the morning and, in the afternoon, confirmed three persons in St. James' Church.

Jan. 31—I preached in St. Paul's.

Feb. 7—In St. Paul's Church, I admitted Mr. A. B. Tizzard to Deacon's orders. Morning prayers by the Rev. J. P. B. Wilmer. Candidate presented by the Rev. Mr. Woodbridge. Sermon by myself.

Feb. 9—I met with and addressed the Sunday School Teachers of St. Paul's.

Feb. 14—I preached in St. Paul's.

Feb. 17—I lectured in St. Paul's.

Feb. 21—I preached in St. Paul's.

Feb. 26—I lectured in St. Paul's.

Feb. 28—In the morning, I delivered an address on confirmation, and administered the communion. At night, I preached in the same Church.

March 3—I lectured in St. Paul's.

March 6—I preached in St. Paul's, Norfolk.

March 7—I preached in Christ Church, Norfolk, and admitted the Rev. Mr. Good to Priest's orders. Morning prayer by the Rev. L. Smith. The candidate was presented by the Rev. Mr. Caldwell, who,

th the Rev. Messrs. W. G. Jackson and Smith, united in the imposition of hands.

**March 8**—I preached in Trinity Church, Portsmouth.

During my short visit to Norfolk on this occasion, I found our Christian friends, and the community at large, in the deepest concern on account of the alarming illness of the worthy and beloved Rector of Christ Church. I need not say how sincerely I shared in their pain-solicitude. When I parted with him for the last time, it was not without hope that his sickness would not be unto death. I had, however, scarcely reached my home, when a special messenger came to request my presence and assistance in connexion with his interment. Circumstances, which it is not necessary to state, deprived me of the melancholy satisfaction of uniting in those solemn services, but, in a few days, I re-visited the scene of sorrow, and, on the 18th of March, at the request of the afflicted family and congregation, delivered a funeral service in Christ Church. It was a hasty and but feeble expression of my affectionate estimation of our departed brother, whose eminent worth and usefulness are known to us all, and whose early removal, from a sphere which he so happily occupied, forms one of those mysterious dispensations of Providence, which call for all the submission of faith.

**March 21**—I preached in St. John's Church, Richmond, confirming two persons, and admitted Mr. C. W. Bolton to Deacon's orders. Morning prayer by the Rev. Mr. Morrison, who also presented the candidate. In the afternoon, in St. James' Church, I confirmed one person.

**March 28**—In St. Paul's Church, Richmond, I admitted the Rev. Messrs. C. W. Thompson and W. C. Meredith to Priest's orders.—Service and sermon by the Rev. Mr. Woodbridge. Candidates presented by the Rev. Dr. Empie, who, with the Rev. Messrs. Woodbridge and Duvall, united in the imposition of hands. I preached at night in the same Church and confirmed eight.

**March 30 and April 1**—I lectured in St. Paul's.

**April 2**—I preached in the Monumental Church and confirmed six.

**April 4**—I preached and administered the communion in St. Paul's.

My frequent services in this congregation were occasioned by the absence of the Rector, whose impaired health rendered it necessary for him to intermit the duties of his ministry, and pass the winter in a milder climate. At his request, and that of the Vestry, I consented with pleasure to unite with the Rev. Mr. Thompson, in officiating for the congregation until the period for resuming my visitations in the Spring.

**April 7**—I left Richmond for Petersburg, and the same night I preached in St. Paul's and confirmed three persons.

**April 8**—I preached in Grace Church, Petersburg, and confirmed six persons.

**April 10**—I preached in the Church at Williamsburg.

**April 11**—In the same Church, I admitted the Rev. C. J. Minne-

gerode to Priest's orders. Morning prayer: by the Rev. Mr. Cheevers. Sermon by the Rev. Dr. Empie. The candidate was presented by the Rev. Mr. Hodges, who, with the Rev. Dr. Empie and the Rev. Messrs. Cheevers and Leavell, united in the imposition of hands. At night, I preached again and confirmed one person.

April 12—I preached at Yorktown, in the Court House, and confirmed three persons. For some months past, the Rev. Mr. Minnegerode has been officiating at Yorktown. The stone walls of the old Church, which some years since was consumed by fire, are still standing. It is proposed to use them, in part, to provide a suitable place for our services in that village. Several hundred dollars have already been subscribed for that purpose, and a little assistance from others will secure the desirable object.

April 13—I preached in Abingdon Church, Gloucester, and confirmed one person.

April 14—I preached in Ware Chapel.

April 15—I preached in Christ Church, Matthews county, and confirmed one person.

April 17—I preached in Christ Church, Middlesex, and admitted the Rev. G. S. Carraway to Priest's orders. Morning prayers by the Rev. J. P. McGuire. The candidate was presented by the Rev. Mr. Mann, who, with the Rev. Messrs. McGuire and Flower, united in the imposition of hands.

April 18—I preached in Christ Church, Lancaster, and confirmed one person.

April 19—I preached in White Chapel, and confirmed one person.

April 20—I preached in North Farnham Church.

April 21—I preached in the Church at Warsaw, baptized two infants, at the Rector's request, and confirmed two persons.

April 23—I preached in Wycomico Church.

April 24—At Oak Grove, I confirmed one person.

April 25—I preached in St. Paul's, King George.

April 25—I preached in St. John's, King George.

May 2—I preached in St. George's Church, Fredericksburg, morning and night.

May 7—I left Richmond for Lawrenceville, Brunswick county, and, by travelling all night, reached the village by nine o'clock the next morning, and preached there the same day.

May 9—In the same church, by request of the Rector, I baptized an infant, preached again and confirmed three persons.

May 10—I preached in Sapony Church, Dinwiddie, and confirmed three persons.

I have thus concisely enumerated the services in which, during the past year, I have, by the good providence of God, been privileged to engage. I would that I were permitted to speak more encouragingly of the spiritual interests of the Diocese; but, so far as my visitations have extended, I have neither seen nor heard much in which we may glory. On the contrary, the uniform lamentation on the part of the parochial clergy is, that, in comparison with past years, so little

is accomplishing. The word of the Lord seems bound. Its members are pained to be compelled to exclaim, "who hath believed our report, and to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed!"

Nor is their sorrow abated, but rather swelled, by the causes to which, without a dissenting voice, we find them imputing what they so much mourn—the worldly conformity of those who profess and call themselves Christians. Such testimony from those who "watch for souls" is sad and dispiriting indeed! Did the evil complained of proceed from open enemies, it might be better borne—but that it comes by those who have named the name of Jesus—that those who should be helpers prove hinderers—this is the grievous aggravation! The effect on their own experience, though, as is usual in such cases, imperceptible to themselves, must be baneful and perilous—dwarfing their statures as Christians—paralyzing their spiritual energies—annihilating their religious usefulness and comforts and jeopardizing their souls. But alas! the disastrous results are not limited to their own persons and interests. The incongruous spectacle of professing Christians returning with appetite upon those vanities, which they have renounced, reconciles others to remain with complacency in the embrace of the world, and inspires them with disdainful views of a religion, the unsatisfactoriness of which is thus practically proclaimed by its avowed adherents. In the midst of such counteracting influences, it is not surprising, if the word preached do not profit, but return void. May we not add—"Nevertheless, woe! to those by whom the offence cometh?" To be capable of a course which, in the opinion of the Parochial Clergy and the Bishops, is actually fettering their usefulness and neutralizing the Gospel in its prevailing power, is to assume a responsibility which, one would suppose, no right minded Christian would have the heart to encounter. It is to be hoped, therefore, that the recent well timed Pastoral Letter, to the truth and appropriateness of which our Ministers as one man have subscribed, and to which I take this occasion to affix my own signature, may, under God, be the means of arresting the crying evil, and that this and all other like obstacles being removed, the word of the Lord may be not only "truly preached," but also "truly received and truly followed, in all places, to the breaking down the kingdom of sin, Satan and Death," and the prevalence and establishment of that religion which is "pure and undefiled."

In my visitations, I have continued to present to the several congregations, the strong claims of our Diocesan Missionary Society, and, on conference with the Clergy, have made collections in aid of its funds. But for the means thus obtained, by Bishop Meade and myself, in addition to the regular annual contributions, the useful action of the Society must have been seriously arrested. I am gratified to say, as the Report of the Treasurer will show, that these appeals have not been made in vain. The amount so procured has aided in sustaining operations, the results of which will be stated by the Executive Committee.

I deem it my duty, before closing this report, to advert to a sub-

ject, which I thought to have disposed of without the necessity of presenting it to the consideration of the Convention.

In October last, I received an un-official communication, made for the purpose of ascertaining whether, if elected, I would accept the Presidency of William & Mary College, assuring me, at the same time, that, if it were understood I was disposed to favor the appointment, it would be so made, and urging my consent by various strong considerations, which I need not recite. From my reply to this very interesting communication, I take the following extract—"When I consider the nature of the duties of the Episcopal Office, and the incessant and increasing demands of a Diocese so extensive as this, it seems to me that a Bishop in Virginia may not look to any other employment than that of the ministry for which he is specially consecrated. It is, from the nature of the case, and, under existing circumstances, a mastery incompatible with any second occupation. It would, I fear, only be by robbing it, that a second could be served. With these impressions, I cannot respond to your suggestions as your desire. Yet so deeply do I feel the responsibility imposed on me by your communication, that I am unwilling to send you a final answer, before consulting with my honored associate, in whose judgment and wisdom we all have good cause to repose the greatest confidence. I expect to meet him in Lynchburg, on the 13th of this month; when I shall take pleasure in laying your letter before him and availing myself of his excellent counsel. If his views differ from my own, and the considerations furnished by him produce any change in the opinion which I have expressed, I will then immediately apprise you."

In the conference which I anticipated, this subject was carefully examined by Bishop Meade and myself, and, as nothing appeared that wrought any alteration in my convictions, I found it unnecessary to trouble my correspondent with any further communication.

By others interested in the proposed arrangement, it was again and again earnestly pressed, during the past winter. On every such occasion, I returned substantially the reply which had been previously made.

In the month of February, I was called on by one of the Board of Visitors, who renewed the application, and, with great zeal and ability, urged my compliance, assuring me that it was greatly desired, and that the Board would make every arrangement as to services and time which might be requisite to prevent any interference with the duties of the Episcopate. His statements did not change my convictions. They did, however, lead me to suspect that, perhaps, I was too confident in an opinion, from which this gentleman and others, entitled to my highest respect, seemed to differ so decidedly. I, therefore, thought it but proper to say, that, if Bishop Meade and the Convention approved of the proposed arrangement, I should feel it my duty to make the experiment. Not that I supposed it possible to do what I am now performing and, at the same time, meet the demands of the new station; but such approval, on their part, I should regard as an expression of their judgment, that I ought to dispense with so much of my

t engagements, as might be necessary to enable me to enter up-  
 Presidency, with some hope of answering the expectations of  
 ends. On this statement, the gentleman alluded to replied,  
 would, with this understanding, assume the responsibility of  
 ating me to the Board.

sequent correspondence, with persons most likely to anticipate  
 obable action of the Convention, led me to the conclusion, that  
 posed arrangement would not be favorably regarded by the Di-  
 —that no such general concurrence could be secured, as would  
 cessary to justify the experiment. I, therefore, to prevent all  
 prehension, and to avoid even the appearance of any ground of  
 sfaction, immediately addressed to the gentleman alluded to a  
 from which I give the following extract—"With the knowledge  
 fact stated, it might seem to be trifling with the Board of Visi-  
 'I were to acquiesce in your kind purpose to nominate me for the  
 ency. You must, therefore, permit me to return to the original  
 a from which your earnest appeal, in some measure, moved

letter was laid before the Board at their last meeting, when,  
 rmed by a communication from the Rector, dated February 24th,  
 "elected President of William & Mary College and Professor  
 Moral Chair, with great unanimity."

this communication I replied as follows—"Under the peculiar  
 instances in which I am placed, and in view of the statement  
 I forwarded to Judge Christian, and which, I understand, he  
 ted to the Board of Visitors, no action on my part can be ex-  
 at present. I conclude, therefore, to wait respectfully for such  
 information as may place me in a position to dispose of the  
 ble appointment, without even seeming to be insensible to its  
 ance, or averse from any course which duty may require."

h, my respected brethren, is a brief history of this transaction, a  
 edge of which I supposed it might be important for you to pos-  
 at, in the event of its being, in any form, presented for your  
 eration, you may be prepared to take such counsel as will best  
 ve those great interests for the promotion of which we are as-  
 ed.

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motion, so much of the Report of the Assistant Bishop, as relates  
 election to the Presidency of William & Mary College, was re-  
 lto a select committee to be appointed by the Bishop, who an-  
 ced the following gentleman as the said committee—Rev. Messrs.  
 i, Sparrow, E. C. McGuire, Hodges, Castleman and A. Jones—  
 Messrs. Bryan, Nelson, Page, Richard Randolph and Colston.  
 e committee announced the following gentlemen, not present  
 rday, as entitled to seats in the Convention, as Lay Delegates.



**St. Stephen's Church, Culpeper—Edward Colston.**  
**Martin's, Brandon Parish—N. M. Osborne.**  
**Martin's Parish, Hanover—Philip Nelson.**  
**Abingdon Church, Gloucester—John R. Bryan.**  
**St. James' Church, Richmond—Thomas H. De Witt.**  
**St. Paul's Church, Richmond—John Stewart.**  
**Trinity Church, Portsmouth—Holt Wilson.**  
**Meade Parish, Fauquier—John R. Edmonds.**  
**Trinity Church, Shepherdstown—Richard Henry Lee.**  
**St. Paul's Church, Haymarket, Prince William—Frederick Foote**  
**Frederick Parish, Clarke county—John E. Page.**  
**Lynhaven Parish, Princess Ann—Thurmer Hoggard.**

The Assistant Bishop then announced the Standing Committees of the Diocese.

#### ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

<b>Rev. E. C. McGuire, D. D.</b>	<b>N. M. Osborne, M. D.</b>
<b>C. Mann,</b>	<b>R. H. Cunningham,</b>
<b>A. Jones, D. D.</b>	<b>Nelson Page,</b>
<b>J. H. Wingfield,</b>	<b>Charles J. Merewether,</b>
<b>T. T. Castleman,</b>	<b>John Stewart,</b>
<b>Wm. M. Jackson,</b>	<b>Francis W. Whittle,</b>
<b>John T. Clark,</b>	<b>Richard Randolph.</b>

#### ON FINANCE.

<b>Philip Williams,</b>	<b>Sam. W. Shelton,</b>
<b>William Pollock,</b>	<b>Edward Colston.</b>

#### EPISCOPAL FUND.

<b>Rev. C. B. Dana,</b>	<b>John R. Bryan,</b>
<b>C. W. Andrews,</b>	<b>John R. Edmonds, M. D.</b>

#### ACCOUNTS OF TREASURER OF DIOCESAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

<b>Rev. Wm. T. Leavell,</b>	<b>C. H. Cabaniss.</b>
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#### PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

<b>Rev. Wm. H. Kinckle,</b>	<b>Philip Nelson,</b>
<b>Wm. V. Bowers,</b>	<b>Richard Henry Lee,</b>
<b>Geo. T. Wilmer.</b>	

#### ADMISSION OF NEW PARISHES.

<b>Rev. John T. Clark.</b>	<b>John Rowlett,</b>
<b>J. P. B. Wilmer,</b>	<b>Edward J. Smith,</b>
<b>John Cole.</b>	

#### WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND.

<b>Rev. J. P. McGuire,</b>	<b>Frederick Foote,</b>
<b>Charles Minnegerode,</b>	<b>Wm. H. Garber,</b>
<b>C. J. Gibson,</b>	<b>Holt Wilson.</b>

On motion, so much of the Reports of the Bishop and Assistant Bishop, as relates to the permanent fund of the Theological Seminary, was referred to a select committee, composed of the following gentlemen :

Rev. C. W. Andrews,	Edward Colston,
John T. Clark,	Wm. Pollock,
Wm. H. Kinckle,	Cassius F. Lee,
Charles Mann,	Nelson Page,
J. P. McGuire,	R. H. Cunningham,
R. H. Wilmer,	Bushrod C. Washington.

The Proceedings of the Standing Committee of the Diocese were then read, by the Rev. Mr. Dana.

The Parochial Reports were then read.

The Report of the Executive committee of the Diocesan Missionary Society, together with the Treasurer's account, was presented, read and referred to the Standing Committee.

The Report of the Treasurer of the Diocese was presented and referred to the Standing Committee on Finance.

On motion, Resolved, that a committee of five be appointed to nominate suitable persons as Delegates to the next General Convention, with instructions to report to-morrow.

Whereupon the Chair appointed the following Committee.

Rev. Messrs. Castleman, Stingsfellow and Cole, and Messrs. C. F. Lee and Blackford.

On motion, Resolved, that the Treasurer of the Diocese be, and he is hereby, directed to procure, under the supervision of the Bishop and Assistant Bishop, handsomely engraved copper plates of the certificates granted at the ordinations of Priests and Deacons in this Church, and cause such a number of copies to be stricken off, from time to time, on fine parchment, as the Bishop or Assistant Bishop may require.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be also directed to have engraved, on such substance as may be judged most proper, an official seal for the Bishop of this Diocese, containing such devices as the Bishop may direct, and that the expense of engraving such plate and seal, be paid out of any moneys in the hands of the Treasurer,

Resolved, That the attention of the clergy be, and is hereby respectfully, called to the provisions of the canon of the General Convention, in reference to the mode of presenting their Parochial Reports.

The Assistant Bishop presented the following Report.

The committee appointed, at the last Convention, to take into consideration the propriety of altering and amending the canons of this Diocese, and to report to this Convention, ask permission to defer their report until the next annual Convention.

J. JOHNS, Chairman.

The Convention then ballotted for members of the Standing Committee, when it appeared that the following gentlemen were duly chosen :

Rev. Edward R. Lippett,	Orlando Fairfax, M. D.
Charles Dana,	John Hooff,
Wm. Sparrow, D. D.	Cassius F. Lee.

The Convention then proceeded to the election of the Executive Committee of the Diocesan Missionary Society, whereupon the following gentlemen were chosen :

Rt. Rev. William Meade, D. D.  
 " " John Johns, D. D.  
 " A. Empie, D. D.  
 " Wm. Norwood,  
 " George Woodbridge,  
 John Steger, Sec'y.  
 William Williams, Treasurer.

On motion, Resolved, that the Secretary be requested to call the attention of the clergy and laity to the provisions of the act of the Legislature of Virginia, passed February 3, 1842, entitled "An act concerning conveyances or devises of places of public worship."

The following resolution was offered and, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Resolved, That, in order to facilitate the labors of the Finance Committee, it shall be the duty of the Rector of each church or churches within the Diocese, (or of the Wardens, in case there be no Rector,) before the meeting of each annual Convention, to inform the Secretary of the Convention of the number of white communicants belonging to each Church; and, in cases where such Churches may have been reported delinquent as to the contingent fund at any previous Convention, the Rector (or Wardens,) shall also state whether the same has been paid, or will probably be paid; or make any proper explanation in relation thereto. Such information and statement to be commu-

ated by letter, to be sent by mail before the meeting of each Convention, so as to arrive at least a week before such meeting, addressed to "*The Secretary of the Protestant Episcopal Convention*," at the place for the meeting of the succeeding Convention. The Secretary of the Convention shall place all such communications in the hands of the Finance Committee. The postage to be paid out of the contingent fund.

FRIDAY, May 21, 9 A. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment—Prayer by the Rt. Rev. the Assistant Bishop.

The Bishop presented a letter from the General Agent of the Bible Society of Virginia, whereupon the attention of the Convention was called to the following Resolution, adopted May 13, 1828 :

"Resolved, That this Convention do most fully approve of the *Enterprise* of the Virginia Bible Society, and earnestly recommend to the patronage of the various parishes and churches in this Diocese."

The Rev. Messrs. Friend and F. H. McGuire appeared and took their seats.

The following Lay Delegates, not present yesterday, presented their certificates and took their seats :

St. Peter's Church, Port Royal—Charles Urquhart, M. D.

Christ Church, Norfolk—Tazewell Taylor.

St. Paul's Church, Norfolk—John G. Hatton.

St. Paul's Church, Suffolk, Nansemond—Joseph Prentis.

The Rev. Mr. J. P. McGuire, from the committee on the Widows and Orphans' Fund, presented the following Report of the Trustees of the same.

#### REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND.

The Trustees of the Fund for the relief of the Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen in the Diocese of Virginia, report—

That, since last Convention, they have collected a note which had been for many years owing to the Fund for money lent,	\$200 00
Also two bonds of \$800 each,	1,600 00
And \$5 per share on 9 shares stock in the Bank of Alexandria, which Bank failed many years ago, and this is supposed to be a final dividend,	45 00

\$1,845 00

They have purchased 5 shares stock in the Far-

mers' Bank of Virginia, at \$92 50 per share, \$462 50  
 And 12 shares same stock at \$90 50, 1,086 00  
 And paid the Widows and Orphans Society the  
 arrears of interest reported due them at last  
 Convention. 230 05—1,778 55

Leaving a balance in the hands of the Treasurer \$63 45

They have also collected dividends on 147 shares stock in  
 the Farmers' Bank of Alexandria, \$367 59  
 Dividends on 4 shares of stock in Bank of Potomac, 10 00  
 do " 1 share of stock in Bank of Virginia, 4 20  
 do " 17 shares of stock in Farmers' Bank of Va. 55 25  
 Interest on the above mentioned note of \$200, 13 09  
 do " above mentioned bonds of \$800 each, 121 47

Total, \$571 42

Which amount, \$571 42, being the accruing interest of the Fund,  
 the Treasurer thereof, who is also Treasurer of the Widows and Or-  
 phans' Society, has passed to the credit of the latter, in conformity with  
 a resolution of the Convention in 1837.

The Fund now consists of

147 shares stock in Farmers' Bank of Alexandria, worth  
 at par \$7,350 00  
 4 " " in Bank of Potomac, worth at par 40 00  
 1 " " in Bank of Virginia do 70 00  
 17 " " in Farmers' Bank of Va. do 1,700 00  
 Balance due on a note for \$600, bearing interest from 23d  
 July, 1845, \$246 93  
 Deduct interest due on this note from May, 1838,  
 to 23d July, 1845, which, with all interest ac-  
 cruing thereafter, belongs to the Widows and  
 Orphans' Society. 238 63— 10 35  
 Cash in the hands of the Treasurer, 65 45

\$9,596 80

The Certificates of the stock in the Virginia Banks are in possession  
 of the present Treasurer; the other securities are still held by the  
 late Treasurer, John Hooff, Esq., who continues to give them his at-  
 tention as heretofore.

WIL. H. HUBBARD,  
 THOMAS NELSON,  
 WM. WILLIAMS, Treas'r. } Trustees.

RICHMOND, May 15th, 1847.

The Committee appointed to nominate Clerical and Lay Delegates

ket, whereupon the Convention proceeded to an election, which resulted in the choice of the following gentlemen:

**CAL DELEGATES.**

Day, D. D.  
 Empey, D. D.  
 Fisher Jones, D. D.  
 Mann.

**LAY DELEGATES.**

Philip Williams,  
 Wm. C. Rives,  
 Wm. H. Macfarland,  
 Edward Colston.

Following alternates were appointed, to supply vacancies, in which they are named:

**CAL ALTERNATES.**

McGuire,  
 Lewis,  
 McGuffee,  
 L. Jones.

**LAY ALTERNATES.**

Tazewell Taylor,  
 R. H. Cunningham,  
 Sam'l. H. Lewis,  
 Geo. W. Summers.

Mr. Dana was offered, proposing to amend the 2d article of the Constitution, which was referred to a Select Committee, consisting of Mr. W. M. Jackson and Adie, and Tazewell Taylor, Esq.

Resolved, That the resolution of the Convention, passed August 27, 1827, recommending the Protestant Episcopal Sunday School to the patronage of this Diocese be hereby rescinded. And further, that the thanks of this Convention, and of the Episcopal Church throughout the Church, are due to our brethren for the faithful manner in which he has warned the Church against the errors contained in some of our Sunday School tracts and publications.

Mr. Dana, from the committee on the Episcopal Fund, made the following Report:

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE BISHOP'S FUND.**

The Trustees on the "Episcopal Fund" have performed the duties assigned them, and beg leave to present to the Convention the following statement, (which they have received from the Church Warrenton Church, Fairfax Parish, Alexandria,) as their Report.

C. B. DANA, Chairman.

The Trustees of the Bishop's Fund report that, since the last Convention, they have, with the cash on hand, as then stated, purchased 100 shares of stock of the Bank of the Valley in Virginia, at \$101 25 per share, and that they have received—

Dividend on Farmers' Bank of Alexandria stock	\$292	50
do " Bank of Potomac "	49	50
do " Bank of the Valley "	56	25
do capital stock Bank of Alexandria,	90	00

The Bishop's Fund now consists of

117 shares Farmers' Bank of Alexandria, par value,	\$5,85	00
9 do Bank of Potomac do do	90	00
9 do Bank of the Valley, Va. do	90	00
Cash on deposit in the Farmers' Bank of Alex'a.	50	25
do do Bank of the Valley,	7	00

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\$8,238 25

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At the Convention in May, 1846, the amount of this fund was \$7,-  
748 75—increase since that time, \$484 50.

WASHINGTON C. PAGE, } Church Wardens Christ  
R. C. MASON, } Church, Alexandria.

ALEXANDRIA, May 15, 1847.

The Convention took a recess of an hour.

1 o'clock, P. M.

The Rev. Mr. CLARK, from the committee on the admission of Parishes, made the following Report :

The Committee on the admission of new parishes beg leave to report : That the petition of Heber Parish, Bedford county, is reasonable, with the exception only of the precise metes and bounds marked off for the parish, and they recommend that the convenience of families, in Liberty and its vicinity, be consulted more than any artificial or local boundaries, in the formation of the congregation and parish. And if it be not beyond the power of this committee, they beg leave to call the attention of this Convention to the subject of the metes and bounds of parishes, in order, as far as possible, to remove all occasions of disagreement from these causes, among neighboring churches and parishes.

JOHN T. CLARK, Chairman.

The Report of the Committee was adopted.

Resolved, That the committee on canons be requested, especially, to take into consideration the canon or canons in relation to the division of parishes, or formation of new ones, and also to enquire into the expediency of abolishing so much of the canons as requires that the boundaries of parishes shall be defined, and report to the next Convention.

**Resolved,** That the consideration of the substitute, recommended ~~on~~ the 12th canon, be postponed until the next Convention.

**The Rev. Dr. Jones** presented the Report of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary :

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.**

In making their annual statement of the condition of the Seminary, **he** Trustees, with devout thankfulness, report to the Convention the continued prosperity of this important Institution.

In all its departments it still enjoys the rich blessing of God. The instructions of its Professors are sound and thorough, and all their duties diligently and commendably performed. The industry and deportment of the students are also such as to give the assured hope that **hey** will be able and faithful ministers of the blessed Gospel. Above all, the presence of the Divine Spirit is evinced in the prevalence of **he** power of true religion, the existence of an evangelical faith, and **he** manifestations of holy character. For this rich blessing from on High, the Church has reason to be most deeply thankful, especially in times such as the present, when so much unchristian strife, error in doctrine, and false religion, are widely prevalent. It is a distinguished mercy from our God, that this Institution, so deservedly honored and valued among us, is untainted by the evil influences of the times; that its duties are discharged by able and faithful men; and that pious and devoted young men, offering themselves as soldiers of the cross, are there assembled, and there acquiring such learning, and undergoing such Christian discipline, as will render them efficient ambassadors of God's infinite mercy to a sinful and ruined world. May the " fervent and effectual prayers " of its pious friends be ever offered for the continual grace and mighty protection of the Great Head of the Church ! But, with our prayers, we should also watch against the rashness and negligence too apt to be produced by a sense of security, and, as expressive of our earnest and unfeigned gratitude to God for His past great mercies, we should maintain holy aims, and make such strenuous and self-denying efforts, as His grace and providence may indicate. Much is yet to be done for this beloved school of the prophets. Its vested funds, the interest of which is applied to the preservation of its buildings and the salaries of its professors, need to be greatly increased. Heretofore, necessity has compelled to call upon



the Education Society for assistance, thus restricting its legitimate benevolence in *directly* aiding poor and pious men called to the Gospel ministry. This should not be. And, therefore, a renewed and vigorous effort, on the part of its pious founders and friends, is strongly urged by the Board of Trustees. The funds, now obtained and vested, amount to \$40,442 50. But they are still insufficient for the purposes required. Some \$20,000, or \$25,000, should still be raised, and this is earnestly recommended.

Of the High School, which is also committed to the charge of this Board, we have likewise an encouraging statement to present.

During the past year, there has been a considerable accession to the number of its members, and all, who have visited and personally examined this important nursery for a portion of the youths of the Church, speak in the highest commendatory terms of the arrangements, the management, and the ability of its Principal, and the proficiency, good conduct and happiness of its pupils. We congratulate the church in Virginia on its liberality and wisdom in establishing such a preparatory school of learning. It is a safe home for our sons, where they may be preserved from the injurious influences of the world, too often affecting the usefulness of other schools; where they may also learn to respect the faith of their fathers; to venerate the institutions of the church, and be fitted, through the Divine blessing, for the right performance of the duties of this life, and for the higher duties and the infinite enjoyments of eternity. It asks and deserves the prayers and patronage of our people, and we confidently believe, that, in the advantages it gives to their sons, it will return more to its patrons than it receives from them.

The Reports of the Professors of the Seminary, and of the Principal of the High School, herewith appended, will exhibit the condition of their several departments.

All which is respectfully submitted.

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#### REPORT OF THE PROFESSOR OF SYSTEMATIC DIVINITY.

The subscriber has, on the present occasion, substantially the same account to render to the Trustees, of his duties in the Theological Seminary of Virginia, that he has rendered in previous years. The studies of the three classes, so far as under his direction, have been varied on'y by the addition of a brief course in Mental Philosophy, Logic and Rhetoric, in conformity with the vote of the Board at the

**Convention.** These studies have added one recitation a week to engagements of the Senior and Middle classes ; but it is his opinion that they have in no way interfered with their purely theological pursuits : the effect of them, on the contrary, has rather appeared helpful to the latter. Indeed, he thinks that all the classes, taken together, have never done better with him, than during the year now vying to a close. With the exception of a very few individuals, daily attendance has been very good.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM SPARROW.

**REPORT OF THE PROFESSOR OF BIBLICAL LITERATURE.**

he Professor in this Department has, in substance, the same report to make as in previous years. He thinks it unnecessary to go into detail. The Junior class, to whom his principal attention is given, have finished the Harmony of the Gospels in Greek, and in Hebrew have made as much proficiency as usual. They have also read biblical Essays twice a week, and have studied the subject of Biblical Interpretation, Antiquities and Introduction.

he Middle class have examined as usual the Prophecies of Christ in Hebrew, and in Greek have read critically the Epistles to the Romans, Hebrews, Galatians and Ephesians.

he Senior class have read in Greek the first and part of the second epistle to the Corinthians.

Respectfully submitted,

J. PACKARD.

**REPORT OF THE PROFESSOR OF CHURCH HISTORY AND CHURCH POLITY.**

he Senior class have finished the usual course of English Ecclesiastical History, with Bishop Short's work as the text book, and also the usual course of instruction in Church Polity, after Hooker.—Within a few weeks they have begun to review their studies in those subjects, and after this are to give attention to the subject of the Liturgy.

he Middle class are just finishing the course of study in the General History of the Church. This will remain for review.

he several studies have been pursued with commendable diligence on the part of the classes, and (as we trust,) not unsuccessfully.

JAMES MAY,

## REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF THE HIGH SCHOOL.

To the Trustees of the Episcopal High School of Virginia :

The Rector of the High School begs leave to present his second annual Report.

Since the last Convention, at which a report of the first session of the School was made, the second and third terms have closed.

The second session opened in May, 1846, with 10 students, and, by gradual accessions during the term, reached 23, with which number it closed on the 30th September.

The third session opened in November, with 15 students, and at one period reached 36. By removals, however, it was reduced to 33, and with this number it terminated on the 31st March last.

The changes in the plan and arrangement of the School, as referred to in my last report, and as explained in the prospectus, have been steadily carried out, to the satisfaction of patrons and to the improvement in mind and morals of the students themselves.

The Literary, Domestic and Religious Departments of the School have been managed, as heretofore reported, and with similar satisfactory results. In the Literary Department, besides five or six hours teaching daily by myself, the services of an additional assistant have been found necessary to meet the increased wants of the School.

The pecuniary affairs of the School are in a more satisfactory condition, than when last reported. Some debts are still unpaid. It is hoped, however, should the number of students be increased, and the prospects continue encouraging, that no very serious inconvenience will be felt, by such as may remain unliquidated at the close of the term.

The attention of the Trustees is earnestly called to the state of some portions of the building of the School. Very important repairs are needed for the roof and ceiling of the dormitory, and the whole establishment, for its proper and decent appearance, and even for its preservation from injury and decay, requires to be thoroughly repaired.

In conclusion, it affords me much pleasure to testify to the diligence and faithful application of the students in the pursuit of knowledge.— It especially, however, becomes me to testify to their respectful and devout attention to all the religious exercises of the School. Great encouragement is drawn from this to cherish the hope, that there i

g on in their hearts a perhaps slow, but yet certain, influence for present and everlasting good.

E. A. DALRYMPLE. Rector.

ward, May 17, 1847.

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the Rev. Mr. KINCKLE, from the Committee on Parochial Reports, presented the following Report :

The Committee on Parochial Reports beg leave to state that they have discharged the duty imposed upon them, and herewith submit the usual tabular statement. Of 102 parishes and churches belonging to the Diocese, only 76 have made the canonical returns. All which they respectfully submitted.

The Convention took a recess until half past 4, P. M.

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The Rev. Mr. Mann, from the select committee to which was referred so much of the Assistant Bishop's address, as relates to the offer made to him of the Presidency of William and Mary College, made a report, accompanied with a resolution, which gave rise to a long debate, the result of which was the adoption of the following preamble and resolution :

The committee to whom were referred so much of the report of the Assistant Bishop, as relates to the Presidency of William & Mary College, have given to that subject the most earnest consideration. They are deeply impressed with the importance of this subject, and therefore hope that, on both sides of this question, a spirit of calm consideration will be displayed, which will give just weight to all reasons which may influence their minds on this difficult subject. Your committee feel that, under the providence of God, great benefits might result to the Church in Virginia, by placing that venerable and well endowed institution under such influence as they believe the Assistant Bishop would exercise there. They cannot but feel a deep interest in the success of this college, which has conferred such lasting benefits on Virginia and the world, in the education of many of our own citizens, and many of the most distinguished fathers of the republic. They are not insensible to the benefits which might accrue to this Commonwealth, from placing this valuable institution under only religious but Episcopal influences ; and yet, your committee

sincerely regret to say, that, notwithstanding all these desirable results they are compelled, in view of the great difficulties and serious objections which present themselves, to concur with the Assistant Bishop in the opinion that this appointment should be declined. While your committee have come with pain to this conclusion, they feel that some explanations are due to the authorities of William & Mary and as these can better be made in a full and frank correspondence than detailed in a report, your committee beg leave to conclude with the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Bishop and Assistant Bishop be requested to unite in a letter to the authorities of William & Mary College, expressing the thanks of this Convention for the confidence they have manifested in the Episcopal Church of this Diocese, by honoring one of her chief pastors with the highly responsible office of President of the most respected and valued Institution; and also to explain to them the objections, in our view insuperable, which compel this Convention, with great regret, to decline advising our Assistant Bishop to accept that appointment.

The Convention then, at half past 9, P. M., adjourned to meet tomorrow at 9 o'clock, A. M.

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SATURDAY, May 22, 9 A. M.

The Convention assembled at the hour to which it adjourned, and was opened by prayer, by the Right Rev., the Assistant Bishop.

The Rev. Mr. Leavell, from the standing committee, presented a report on the accounts of the Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Society :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTS OF TREASURER OF DIOCESAN  
MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The committee, appointed to examine the accounts of the Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Society of Virginia, respectfully report that they have examined the same and find them correct.

WM. T. LEAVELL,  
C. H. CABANISS.

The Executive Committee of the Diocesan Missionary Society of Virginia respectfully report, that they have, during the past year, contributed to the support of seventeen missionaries, of whom, two (the Rev. Wm. Bryant, of Buchanan, and the Rev. Thomas Smith, of Pa.

burg,) have since died; one (the Rev. Wm. I. Waller,) has removed from the Diocese; and five others have, from various causes, left employment of the Society; leaving in its employment, at the present time, nine missionaries. These are, the Rev. G. S. Carrabin Matthews and Middlesex; the Rev. G. W. Dame, in Henry, Clark and Pittsylvania; the Rev. James D. McCabe, in Washington Wythe; the Rev. S. D. Tompkins, in Campbell; the Rev. D. F. G. in Greenville; the Rev. W. F. Lockwood, in Fauquier and Loudoun; the Rev. James McElroy, in Botetourt, in place of the Rev. Bryant, deceased; the Rev. R. T. Brown, in Jefferson and Berkeley and the Rev. William Duval, in the city of Richmond.

From the account of the Treasurer, herewith submitted, it will be seen that the receipts of the Society, during the past year, have been \$2,158, and the disbursements for the same period \$2,396 98, leaving the treasury, at this time, including the balance of \$727 43 retained to the last Convention, the sum of \$435 03.

The condition of the Depository of the Society is as follows :

Prayer books on hand, as reported to the last Convention,	568
Added during the year	600
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	1168
Tracts distributed, during the year, of which 431 were given to the Regiment of Volunteers raised in this State for the Mexican war,	933
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Balance now on hand,	235
Whole number of prayer books purchased since the establishment of the Depository,	1800
Tracts distributed	1565
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	235

From the Tract department, there have been distributed, during the year, 26,808 pages.

There are now in the Depository, 24,170 pages of tracts; 129 copies of Reasons why I am a Churchman; 50 copies of Bishop Griswold's Reformation; 209 copies of the Doubting Christian encouraged; the number of copies of the Life of Devereux Jarratt; Jarratt's Reason for Justification; Bishop Meade's address to the young on Confirmation; and sundry tracts addressed to the Jews.

The Depository is now kept at the store of Messrs. Nash & Wood-

house, Richmond, who generously agreed to render the service gratuitously.

In the deaths of the Rev. Thomas Smith and the Rev. William Bryant, the Society has sustained a most serious loss. To their faithful, devoted and self-denying labors in the missionary cause, the committee bear most cheerful testimony.

The spiritual condition of the Diocese, at this time, demands the increased exertion and the earnest prayers of every member of the Church, in behalf of our missionary operations. In Eastern Virginia, there are many sections which require missionary aid, and the whole of Western Virginia is almost an uncultivated field. In all the region west of the Blue Ridge, containing a population of more than 500,000 souls, our Church has now but fifteen ministers; of these, ten are confined to the Valley, leaving but five west of the Alleghany mountains.

Inadequate, however, as are the present means of the Society, when compared with the wants of the Diocese, the committee see no cause for despondency. On the contrary, there is every incentive to greater exertion. A more general acquaintance with the history and principles of the Church is gradually removing, from the minds of the people, those prejudices which have heretofore formed the great barrier to its extension. The past success of our labors affords the amplest assurance for the future. Above all, we have, for our encouragement, the command of the Great Head of the Church, and the sure promise of His blessing. Let us then, brethren, with increased zeal and energy, continue our exertions in this great work, and, ever bearing in mind that "God alone must give the increase," let us continually lift up our hearts to Him in earnest prayer for his blessing on our labors.

JOHN O. STEGER,  
Sec. Dio. Miss. Society.

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*The Diocesan Missionary Society of Virginia, in account with William Williams, Treasurer.*

1846  
May 21. To cash paid Rev. Edmund Withers, Missionary in Sussex county, 2d quarter of appropriation,

\$50 00

To amount carried up,

\$50 00

<i>To amount brought up,</i>	\$50 00
To cash paid Rev. Edmund Christian, Charlotte county, in full,	25 00
3. To cash paid Rev. G. S. Carraway, Mathews & Middlesex counties, on account,	100 00
To cash paid Rev. James Bolton, Missionary in the city of Richmond, from funds collected in the churches of that city,	100 00
To cash paid Rev. Thomas Smith, Parkersburg; \$8 from St. Paul's Church, Alexandria; and \$10 from Meade parish, for his church,	18 00
1. To cash paid expenses on Prayer Books from New York to Petersburg,	3 75
"                    "                    "                    from Petersburg to Richmond,	0 67
To cash remitted Rev. G. W. Dame, Pittsylvania county, 3d quarter of his appropriation,	37 50
To cash remitted Rev. R. T. Brown, Jefferson county, 2nd quarter of his appropriation,	50 00
7. To cash remitted Rev. Edmund Withers, Sussex county, 3d quarter of his appropriation,	50 00
To cash remitted Rev. J. D. McCabe, Washington county, 2nd quarter of his appropriation,	50 00
3. To cash paid Rev. Wm. Duval, Missionary in Richmond, from funds furnished by churches there,	20 00
6. To cash paid J. W. Randolph for an account book,	0 75
9. To cash remitted Rev. S. D. Tompkins, Campbell county, 1st quarter of his appropriation,	37 50
To cash remitted Rev. Edmund Withers, Sussex county, 4th quarter of his appropriation,	50 00
To cash remitted Rev. G. W. Dame, Pittsylvania county, 4th quarter of his appropriation,	37 50
To cash remitted Rev. G. S. Carraway, Mathews and Middlesex counties, in full	50 00
To cash remitted Rev. R. T. Brown, Jefferson county, 3d quarter of his appropriation,	50 00
To cash remitted Rev. J. B. Goodwyn in full for services to the 1st May last, at Point Pleasant, &c.	56 00
To cash remitted Rev. Wm. I. Waller, Albemarle county, for first 6 months,	75 00
1. To cash paid Rev. Wm. Duval, city of Richmond, out of the funds collected in the churches there,	50 00
<i>To amount carried over,</i>	<hr/> \$911 67



By amount brought over,		\$911 07
29.	To cash remitted Rev. Wm. F. Lockwood, Prince William county, 1st quarter of his appropriation,	225 00
(Nov. 11.	To cash paid draft of Rev. S. D. Tompkins, Campbell county, 2nd quarter of his appropriation,	37 50
12.	To cash paid Rev. Geo. Woodbridge, to be remitted to the widow of the late Rev. Wm. Bryant, in full for his services as missionary at Buchanan,	50 00
13.	To cash paid draft of Rev. Thomas Smith, Parkersburg, Wood county, for first 6 months of his appropriation,	100 00
	To cash remitted Rev. Wm. F. Lockwood, Prince William county, 2nd quarter,	25 00
	To cash remitted Rev. R. T. Brown, Jefferson county, in full of his appropriation,	50 00
	To cash paid draft of Rev. J. D. McCabe, Abingdon, Washington county, 3d quarter,	50 00
14.	To cash remitted Rev. D. Francis Sprigg, Greenville county, 1st quarter of his appropriation,	25 00
(Dec. 11.	To cash paid Rev. Wm. Norwood, to purchase tracts,	9 63
30.	To cash paid Nash & Woodhouse, for 300 prayer books, for distribution among Mexican Volunteers.	55 55
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Jan. 6.	To cash paid Rev. Wm. Duval, city of Richmond, out of the funds collected in the city churches,	50 00
8.	To cash remitted Rev. Thomas Smith, part of receipts from Ware parish, for church at Parkersburg,	20 00
15.	To cash paid Nash & Woodhouse for 300 prayer books, for distribution among Mexican Volunteers,	55 55
16.	To cash remitted Rev. Wm. F. Lockwood, Prince William, 3d quarter of his appropriation,	25 00
	To cash paid Rev. G. S. Carraway, Mathews & Middlesex, 1st quarter,	37 50
30.	To cash paid Rev. Wm. I. Waller, Albemarle county, 3d quarter,	37 50
	To cash paid Rev. J. D. McCabe, Washington county, 4th quarter,	50 00
To amount carried up,		\$1,614 90

<i>To amount brought up,</i>	\$1,614 90
3. To cash paid draft of Rev. S. D. Tompkins, Campbell county, 3d quarter,	37 50
4. To cash paid draft of Rev. Thomas Smith, Parkersburg, Wood county, 3rd quarter,	50 00
4. To cash remitted Rev. G. S. Carraway, Mathews and Middlesex, 2nd quarter,	37 50
To cash remitted Rev. D. Francis Sprigg, Greenville county, 2nd quarter,	25 00
2. To cash remitted Rev. R. T. Brown, Jefferson county, for first 4 months,	50 00
To cash remitted Rev. R. T. Brown, Jefferson county, to purchase prayer books and tracts,	10 00
7. To cash paid Rev. Wm. Duval, city of Richmond, out of the funds there collected, 3rd quarter,	50 00
2. To cash remitted Rev. G. W. Dame, Pittsylvania county, on account,	50 00
7. To cash remitted Rev. Wm. I. Waller, Albemarle county, in full,	12 50
7. To cash paid Jos. Gill for tracts,	5 58
0. To cash remitted Rev. J. D. McCabe, Washington county, 1st quarter,	50 00
7. To cash paid Nash & Woodhouse for tracts,	4 00
To cash paid Rev. James Bolton, city of Richmond, out of funds collected there, in full to 1st December last,	150 00
4. To cash paid Rev. Ambler Weed, temporarily officiating in St. Luke's Chapel, Richmond, out of the same funds,	50 00
3. To cash remitted Rev. Wm. F. Lockwood, in full,	25 00
To cash remitted Rev. James McElroy, Buchanan, for first 6 months,	100 00
To cash remitted Rev. R. T. Brown, 2nd quarter, in full,	25 00
4. To cash paid draft Rev. Thomas Smith, in full of appropriations made him,	50 00
5. To balance for cash in hand,	435 03
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	\$2,832 01

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0. By balance in hand, per Report to Convention in Petersburg,	\$727 43
By receipts at Convention in Petersburg, viz :	
From Trinity Church, Shepherdstown,	10 00
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<i>By amount carried over,</i>	\$737 43

<i>By amount brought over,</i>	\$737 42
From Christ Church, Lancaster county,	87 00
From Missionary Society of St. James' Church, Leesburg,	16 00
From St. Paul's Church, Alexandria,	56 50
From Sunday School scholars of St. Paul's Church, Alexandria, of which \$8 are for the Rev. Thomas Smith's Church,	31 84
From a lady of Christ Church, Caroline co.	2 00
From St. James' Church, Culpeper co.	8 35
From the family of Mrs. Stringfellow, St. Ste- phens, Culpeper,	10 00
From Fayette Mauzy, do do	5 00
From Mrs. Mary Bailey, Antrim Parish, Halifax,	5 00
From Mrs. Sarah A. Leigh, do do	1 00
From Mrs. E. S. Easley, do do	1 00
From Rev. John Grammer, do do	10 00
From Mrs. E. A. Clark, do do	5 00
From Mrs. Rebecca Leigh, do do	1 00
From Mrs. Catherine Easley, do do	2 00
From Mr. Richard Logan, do do	4 00
From Mrs. Eliza Bruce, do do	15 00
From Miss Mary Smith, do do	3 00
From C. H. Cabaniss, do do	2 00
From Mr. Thos. G. Coleman, do do	20 00
From Mr. Robert A. Atkinson, St. John's Church, Lunenburg,	3 50
From Mrs. Ann S. Nebbett, do do	5 00
From Mrs. Lucy A. Locke, do do	3 50
From Mr. Peter Raney, do do	0 25
From St. Paul's Church, King George co.,	7 50
From church in Berkeley co.	5 88
From a member of St. James' Church, Richmond,	0 50
From Christ Church, Middlesex,	10 00
From a little boy of do do	0 12
From a lady, by Rev. G. S. Carraway,	5 00
From St. Thomas' Church, Orange county,	16 71
From Mr. John R. Edmonds, Meade Parish, of which \$10 is for church at Parkersburg,	20 00
From Nelson parish, Nelson county, of which \$5 is for tracts,	22 00
From Raleigh, Genito and Dale Parishes,	23 00
From Christ Church, Alexandria,	23 61
From Mrs. Ann Page, Gloucester county,	1 00
From Wickliffe Parish, Clark county,	29 50
From Christ Church, Charlottesville,	31 25
From Brunswick Parish,	10 00

*By amount carried up,*

\$1,191 44

<i>By amount brought up,</i>		\$1,191 44
From Roanoke Parish, Halifax county,		16 50
From Christ Church, Smithfield,		2 00
From Botetourt Parish, Botetourt and Roanoke counties,		14 00
From Miss M. A. Jones, Brunswick county,		6 00
From Christ Church, Norfolk,		200 00
25.	By cash from Rev. Mark L. Cheevers, for Prayer Books,	5 00
	By cash from Rev. John T. Clark, do do	2 28
26.	By cash from a lady by Mr. Wm. H. Hubbard,	1 00
	By cash from Mr. J. A. Marshall, Fauquier co.	11 00
1.	By cash from two children, by Rev. Wm. Norwood,	0 50
20.	By cash from a lady of Hamilton Parish, by the Rev. Geo. Lemmon,	0 50
	By cash from Mrs. John Horner, do do	1 00
	By cash from Mrs. Robb, do do	1 00
	By cash from Mrs. E. C. Stevenson, do do	1 00
	By cash from Mrs. Wm. Wallace, do do	1 00
	By cash from Epis. Sunday School, do do	3 05
	By cash from Rev. Geo. Lemmon, do do	2 45
22.	By cash from Camden Parish, Pittsylvania co.	1 00
	By cash from Miss Mary Stanard, St. Paul's Church, Richmond,	25 00
26.	By cash from Bishop Johns, for collections before last Convention,	
	One of Rev. Mr. Wharton's congregations,	13 00
	Grace Church, Petersburg,	12 75
	Sapony Church, Dinwiddie co.	13 15
	St. Paul's Church, Cumberland co.	10 00
	A member of do do	5 00
	Immanuel Church, Sussex co.	13 92
	Tappahanock and St. Paul's Churches, Essex,	35 00
	St. Thomas' Church, Westover,	20 00
27.	By cash from Church at Haymarket, by Bishop Johns,	7 50
	By cash from Zion Church, Truro Parish, do	8 88
	By cash from St. Stephen's Cedar Run, do	10 83
	By cash from Church at Brentsville, do	8 63
	By cash from Church at Warrenton, do	27 50
	By cash from Mrs. A. Brooke, do do	2 00
	By cash from Mrs. M. A. Eeall, do do	1 00
Sept. 5.	By cash from Missionary Society of Theological Seminary, by F. M. Whittle,	39 00
28.	By cash from Wm. B. Harrison, Esq., by C. F. Lee,	20 00
<i>By amount carried over,</i>		<hr/> \$1,733 88

<i>By amount brought over,</i>		\$1,733 88
Nov. 2.	By cash from Church in King William, by Rev. E. B. McGuire,	10 00
	By cash from Church in Hanover, do	13 25
	By cash from ladies in New Kent, do	2 50
11.	By cash from Mrs. Janet A. Lemmon, by Rev. S. D. Tompkins,	1 00
13.	By cash from City Savings Bank for interest,	4 00
23.	By cash from a member of St. Paul's congregation, Richmond,	5 00
	By cash from St. James' Church, Richmond,	40 15
Dec. 31.	By cash from Leeds Parish, by Rev. W. H. Pendleton,	10 00
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Jan. 8.	By cash from Ware Parish, by Rev. Ch. Mann,	32 30
15.	By cash from Mary Selden, a colored native child, at the Mission school in Africa, being the avails of a dress made by her, by Rev. C. B. Dana,	1 00
25.	By cash from part of a collection in Abingdon and Ware Parishes, by Rev. Ch. Mann,	18 00 -
	By cash from Rev. C. J. Gibson, Petersburg,	5 00
30.	By cash from Missionary Society of St. James' Church, Leesburg, by Rev. Geo. Adie,	14 00-
	By cash from part of collection in same church,	15 38
Feb. 10.	By cash from Raleigh and Dale Parishes, by Rev. P. F. Berkeley,	12 00
March 7.	By cash from Wickliffe Parish, by Rev. R. H. Wilmer,	32 00
11.	By cash from Christ Church, Norfolk, by Bishop Johns,	100 00
	By cash from St. Paul's Church, do do	17 00
	By cash from Trinity Church, Portsmouth, do	42 75
12.	By cash from church in Charleston, Kanawha, by Rev. Mr. Ward,	10 00
25.	By cash from the lady of Commander Farragut, U. S. N.	5 00
	By cash from church at Abingdon, by Bishop Johns,	22 25
April 1.	By cash from St. Paul's Church, Richmond,	192 14
3.	By cash from Monumental Church, do	25 00
8.	By cash from Rev. John T. Clark, for Prayer Books,	4 50
9.	By cash from Grace Chapel, Petersburg, by the Rev. C. J. Gibson,	26 22
	By cash from St. George's Church, Fredericksburg, by Rev. E. C. McGuire,	15 00
<i>By amount carried up,</i>		<u>\$2,899 32</u>

<i>By amount brought up,</i>		<b>\$2,389 22</b>
2. By cash from Mrs. Elizabeth Jones, Prince William, by Rev. Mr. Dalrymple,	12 00	
5. By cash from St. James' Parish, Northam, by Rev. J. P. B. Wilmer,	30 00	
By cash from Leeds Parish, Fauquier co., by the Rev. W. H. Pendleton,	40 00	
7. By cash from Christ Church, Charlottesville, by Rev. R. K. Meade,	10 00	
9. By cash from St. Paul's Church, Alexandria, by Mr. J. Entwisle,	34 89	
By cash from Sunday School scholars of same by do	30 87	
5. By cash from St. Paul's Church, Petersturg, by Rev. Mr. Stringfellow,	75 00	
8. By cash from St. John's Church, Richmond, by Col. Carrington,	11 00	
By cash from Sewing Society of St. James' Church, Warrenton, by Rev. G. H. Norton,	20 00	
3. By cash from Bruton Parish, Williamsburg, by Bishop Johns,	24 62	
By cash from Christ Church, Mathews co., by Bishop Johns,	21 10	
By cash from Christ Church, Lancaster co., by Bishop Johns,	25 00	
By cash from White Chapel Church, do by Bishop Johns,	15 00	
By cash from St. Paul's Church, King George co., by Bishop Johns,	21 00	
By cash from St. John's Church, do by Bishop Johns,	15 21	
By cash from a lady, do by Bishop Johns,	5 00	
By cash from a friend in Fairfax co., by Bishop Johns,	2 00	
By cash from two persons in St. George's Church, Fredericksburg, by Bishop Johns,	10 00	
By cash from a friend in St. George's Church, Fredericksburg, by Bishop Johns,	25 00	
By cash from a member of St. James' Church, Richmond, by Dr. Empie,	5 00	
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		<b>\$2,832 01</b>
15. By balance in the Treasury of the society,	<b>\$435 03</b>	
WM. WILLIAMS, Treasurer.		
<i>Amoud, 15th May, 1947.</i>		

The Rev. Mr. Andrews, from the Special Committee, upon the Theological Seminary, made the following Report, which was accepted, and the accompanying resolutions adopted :

*Report of the Special Committee appointed to devise means for completing the endowment of the Theological Seminary.*

The Convention has already heard, in the Report of the Trustees of this Institution, that its vested fund amounts to the sum of \$40,000, and that, in order to the completion of this fund, so that its income shall be adequate to the support of the Professors, and the preservation of the buildings, the sum of \$20,000 is yet to be raised.

The Convention is also already apprized of the very great embarrassment, which oppresses this Institution, and ever must oppress it, until this endowment shall be completed. It is also deemed unnecessary to speak further of the pledges which have been given, by the authorized representatives of this Diocese, to donors in other Dioceses, (who have recently contributed to this fund the sum of \$13,000,) that a general effort should be made here to complete the endowment.

This is regarded as emphatically the Institution of the Diocese—the prosperity of Religion and of the Church among us being, under God, in a great degree, the result of its influence. And further than this, it is impossible to estimate the extent and blessedness of the influence which it is exerting throughout our entire Church in this country, also in our missionary stations.

The committee appointed to consider this subject is a large one, representing the different sections of the Diocese, and, after protracted deliberation upon the many and various propositions submitted, they have unanimously agreed to recommend the adoption of the following resolutions, viz :

1. That two agents be appointed to visit the parishes in the Diocese, and communicate information as to the character and condition of the Theological Seminary, and to set forth its claim to the continued confidence and patronage of the church, and to take such measures as, in their judgment, may seem most expedient, for raising the said fund, and report to the Trustees of the Seminary, on or before the next Convention.

2. That the Trustees of the Seminary be authorised to make such compensation to the agents, as in their judgment may seem suitable.

3. That the Minister and Lay Delegate to this Convention, from

ry parish which shall be visited by the agents, be earnestly requested to co-operate with them in the accomplishment of their object.

Whereupon, the Rev. Messrs. Castleman and C. K. Nelson were appointed agents; and power given to the Bishop to appoint others, should either be unable to undertake the agency.

Philip Williams, Esq. from the Committee on Finance, presented following Report, which, with the accompanying Resolutions, being read, was adopted :

The Committee of Finance have had under consideration the several subjects referred to them, and respectfully report :

That the account of William H. Hubbard, Treasurer of the Diocese, (marked A) has been examined, and is sustained by proper vouchers, showing in his hands, on the 14th of May, 1847,

\$911 35

contributions from the Parishes and Churches for the year ending 19th May, 1847, is (see statement B)

4,252 70

Amount received for delinquencies of 1846, (see statement C)

52 00

Amount in Treasurer's hands,

\$5,216 05

amount remaining delinquent for the year 1846; after crediting payments made, is (see statement D)

\$310 61

amount delinquent for 1845 is, no part being paid, (see statement D, Journal of 1846.)

824 25

Parishes which have made no return will appear in statement E, hereto annexed.

Delinquents for the present year, ending 19th May, 1847, will appear from statement F, hereto annexed, amounting to

478 50

Of the churches which made no return to the last Convention, following sums have been paid, viz :

St. John's Parish, Pittsylvania,

\$26 90

St. John's Parish,

35 00

St. Andrew's Church, St. Andrew's Parish, Jefferson,

76 27

Making the sum of

\$138 17

St. James' Parish, Prince William, and St. James' Parish, Prince William, were reported as making no return. There are no such churches. They are Churches in Dettingen and Leeds Parishes, which are reported.

Our committee have endeavored to make their report accurate ;



out they have probably fallen into errors from the difficulty of ascertaining certainly the names of Parishes and the number of white communicants.

The imperfect manner in which many, we may say most, of the Rectors make out their Parochial Reports occasions delay and difficulty.

A form has been prescribed by the Convention, which has been repeatedly published, and your committee would earnestly recommend to the Rectors to make out their reports before they leave their respective parishes, and in the form prescribed by the Convention, and stating accurately the names of their parishes and the counties, or cities, in which they are situated.

These may seem to be small matters, but they are important—method and order are God's laws, and should be imitated by those who are his ministers.

We have reported a substitute for the resolution referred to us on this subject, and an additional resolution, which are hereto annexed.

## (A)

*The Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Virginia, in account with William H. Hubbard, Treasurer.*

1846.

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May 23.	To cash paid postage of Standing Committee, per C. B. Dana's Bill, receipt No. 1,	5 50
24.	To cash paid Bishop Meade, on account of salary for ensuing year,	295 00
	Travelling expenses and postage to 1st inst.	240 00
26.	To cash paid Bishop Johns, on account of salary,	500 00
	Balance of travelling expenses for past year,	25 00
29.	To cash paid Bishop Meade's draft in favor of Messrs. Gideon & Co.	4, 100 00
June 22,	To cash paid Bishop Meade's draft in favor of R. K. Meade,	5, 50 00
	To cash paid Bishop Meade's draft in favor of Messrs. Bell & Entwisle,	6, 20 00
To amount carried up,		\$1,235 5

<i>To amount brought up,</i>			\$1,235 50
26.	To cash paid Bishop Johns, on account of salary,	"	7, 250 00
30.	To cash paid Bishop Meade's draft in favor of P. N. Meade,	"	8, 60 00
July 8.	To cash paid Bishop Meade's draft in favor of Messrs. J. & G. S. Gideon,	"	9, 78 00
	To cash paid Bishop Meade's draft in favor of Messrs. J. Curlett & Son,	"	10, 255 00
16.	To cash paid Bishop Meade, on account of salary,	"	11, 142 00
	To cash paid Wm. M. Blackford, Secretary, expenses, &c.	"	12, 22 38
Sept. 14.	To cash paid Bishop Meade's draft in favor of Mrs. F. Berkeley,	"	13, 30 00
	To cash paid Blackford, Statham & Dillard, for printing 2000 copies of Journal,	"	14, 250 00
	To cash paid Bishop Meade's draft in favor of Jas. H. Clark,	"	15, 100 00
	To cash paid Bishop Johns, on account of salary, 250 00		
	Travelling expenses, 21 32	"	16, 271 32
19.	To cash paid Bishop Johns, on account of salary, 250 00		
	Travelling expenses, 12 00	"	17, 262 00
Oct. 33.	To cash paid Bishop Johns, on account of salary.	"	18, 400 00
Nov. 23.	To cash paid Bishop Johns, on account of salary,	"	19, 500 00
1847.			
Jan. 2.	To cash paid Bishop Johns, balance of salary, 350 00		
	Travelling expenses to date, 66 00	"	20, 416 00
	To cash paid Rev. P. Slaughter, for Doorkeeper, &c.	"	21, 12 00
March 12.	To cash paid H. K. Ellyson, for printing 1000 copies Bishop Meade's Pastoral Letter,	"	22, 55 10
	To cash paid J. Warrock, printing 300 circulars,	"	23, 10 00
April 3.	To cash paid H. K. Ellyson, for printing 250 circulars,	"	24, 5 00
May 14.	To cash paid Bishop Johns, postage and balance of travelling expenses,	"	25, 102 00
<i>To amount carried over,</i>			\$4,453 30

<i>To amount brought over,</i>	\$4,478 30
To cash paid sundry postages by Treasurer during year,	0 50
To balance in hands of the Treasurer,	911 35
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	\$5,368 15

1846.	Cr.	
May 19.	By balance on hand, per account rendered this date,	\$815 52
23.	By cash received from Tazewell Taylor, Esq. Treasurer pro tem.	4,212 03
	By cash received from Rev. G. T. Gilmer, for Botetourt and Roanoke Parishes,	89 00
	By cash received from do for Woodville Parish, Botetourt and Rock-bridge,	16 00
	By cash received from Bishop Meade, for Kanawha, St. John's and St. Mark's.	85 00
	By cash received from a lady for the contingent fund,	1 00
28.	By cash received from Rev. C. Walker, from Lexington Parish, Amherst county,	73 25
June 13.	By cash received from Rev. Alex. Jones, for Zion Church, St. Andrew's Parish,	76 27
16.	By cash received from Rev. James D. McCabe, per hands Rev. Wm. Norwood, for Holston Parish, Abingdon, Washington county,	8 00
	By cash received from Rev. Geo. W. Dame, per hands Rev. Wm. Norwood, for Camden Parish, Pittsylvania county,	24 00
26.	By cash received from Wm. Williams, Esq., for Camden Parish, Pittsylvania county,	2 90
1847.		
April 19.	By cash received from Rev. Mr. Cook, per hands Rev. Mr. Woodbridge, for Church in Louisa, for Convention of 1846,	3 00
May 14.	By cash received from Richmond Savings Institution, interest on money deposited,	62 18
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		\$5,368 15
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May 14.	By balance in hands of Treasurer,	\$911 35
E. E.		

WM. H. HUBBARD, *Treas.*

(B)

*ntion of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of  
 , assembled in Winchester, May, 1847, in account with  
 H. Ellis, Treasurer, pro tem.*

CR,

"Contingent Fund" received as follows :

and Ware Parishes, Gloucester, Rev. C.

\$46 00

ish, Halifax, Rev. John Grammer,

57 00

Parish, Botetourt and Roanoke, Rev. G. T.

26 00

r,

sh, James City, Rev. Wm. Hodges, \$68 00

ciency 1846, 24 00

92 00

, Dinwiddie, Rev. J. M. Banister,

32 00

Parish, Madison, Rev. J. Earnest,

15 00

rch, St. George's Parish, Rev. D. M, Whar-

14 50

rch, Elizabeth Parish, (late) Rev. U. Beall,

\$38 00

rch, Fredericksville Parish, Rev. R. K.

\$66 00

ciency (in part)

8 00

74 00

ch, Norborne Parish, a Missionary station,

L. T. Brown.

10 00

ch Parish, Middlesex, Rev. G. S. Carra-

10 00

ch, Kingston Parish, Rev. G. S. Carraway,

6 00

ch Parish, Lancaster, Rev. T. W. Flower,

32 00

ch, Newport Parish, Smithfield, Isle of

by Tazewell Taylor, Esq.

22 00

ch, Frederick Parish, Rev. W. Y. Roeker,

82 00

ch, Fairfax Parish, Rev. C. B. Fana,

120 00

l Parish, Lunenburg, Rev. T. E. Locke,

ciency 1846,

5 00

, Rev. P. F. Berkeley,

3 00

ch, Fairfax Parish, Rev. W. F. Lockwood,

5 00

Parish, Clarke, Rev. W. G. H. Jones,

02 00

ch, Latimer Parish, Rev. R. Nelson,

20 00

ch, Petersburg, Rev. C. J. Gibson,

40 00

arish, Fauquier, Rev. Mr. Norton,

39 50

h, Fauquier, Rev. W. H. Fendleton,

34 00

nish, Cumberland, Rev. O. Buikley,

38 00

Parish, Princess Ann, Rev. H. C. Lay,

31 00

andon Parish, Prince George, Rev. H. M.

31 00

l,

h, Campbell, Rev. S. D. Tompkins,

21 00

*By amount carried over,*

\$1,316 00

*By amount brought over,*

Meade Parish, Fauquier and Loudon, Rev. W. M. Jackson, 23 50

Meherrin Parish, Greenville, Rev. ———, 16 00

Monumental Church, Henrico Parish, Rev. G. Woodbridge, 143 00

Nelson Parish, Nelson, Rev. F. D. Goodwin, 25 00

Norborne Parish, Berkeley, Rev. J. Chisholm, 87 00

Portsmouth Parish, Norfolk county, Rev. J. H. Wingfield, 63 00

Roanoke Parish, Halifax, Rev. J. T. Clark, 20 00

Raleigh and Genito Parishes, Amelia, Rev. P. F. Berkeley, 38 00

St. Paul's Parish, King George, Rev. L. Walke, 24 00

St. Paul's Church, Elizabeth Parish, Rev. D. Caldwell, 138 00

St. Paul's Church, Moore Parish, Rev. W. H. Kinckle, 120 00

St. Paul's Church, Leeds Parish, Rev. J. Towles, 35 00

St. Paul's Church, Suffolk Parish, Rev. C. H. Disbrow, 30 00

St. Paul's Church, Fairfax Parish, Rev. J. T. Johnson, 152 00

St. Paul's Church, Henrico Parish, Rev. W. Norwood, 240 00

St. Paul's Church, Bristol Parish, Rev. H. Stringfellow, 235 00

St. John's Church, Kanawha Parish, Rev. H. D. Ward, 24 00

St. John's Church, Green Spring Parish, Rev. J. Earnest, 8 00

St. John's Church, Hanover Parish, Rev. W. Friend, 12 00

St. John's Church, Rev. C. H. Disbrow, 10 00

St. John's Church, St. George's Parish, Rev. D. M. Wharton, 12 00

St. John's Church, Elizabeth city Parish, Rev. W. H. Good, 44 00

St. Thomas' Church, St. Thomas' Parish, Rev. J. Earnest, 66 00

St. Thomas' Church, Frederick Parish, Rev. W. Y. Rooker, 19 00

St. Stephen's Church, St. Mark's Parish, Rev. J. Cole, 31 00

St. Stephen's Church, Hamner Parish, Rev. O. A. Kinsolving, 63 00

St. George's Church, St. George's Parish, Rev. E. C. McGuire, 152 00

St. James' Church, Dettingen Parish, Rev. J. Towles, 19 00

St. James' Church, Southam Parish, Rev. A. Fisher, 25 00

St. James' Church, Mecklenburg, Rev. F. H. McGuire, 55 00

St. James' Church, St. Mark's Parish, Rev. J. Cole, 25 00

St. James' Church, Shelburne Parish, Rev. G. Adie, 87 00

*By amount carried up,*

\$1,316 00

23 50

143 00

25 00

87 00

63 00

20 00

38 00

24 00

138 00

120 00

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30 00

152 00

240 00

235 00

24 00

8 00

12 00

10 00

12 00

44 00

66 00

19 00

31 00

63 00

152 00

19 00

25 00

55 00

25 00

87 00

\$2,307 00

<i>By amount brought up,</i>		\$3,307 00
St. James' Church, Henrico Parish, Rev. A. Empie,	128 00	
St. James' Northam Parish, Goochland and Fluvanna, Rev. J. P. B. Wilmer,	40 00	
St. Mathew's Church, St. Mathew's Parish, Rev. W. Armstrong,	75 00	
St. Luke's Church, St. Luke's Parish, Rev. Mr. Rid- ley,	10 00	
St. Martin's Parish, Hanover, Rev. W. V. Bow- ers,	54 00	
Deficiency 1846,	15 00	69 00
St. Ann's Parish, Essex, Rev. J. P. McGuire,	27 00	
St. Andrew's Parish, Brunswick, Rev. A. G. Berger,	58 07	
South Farnham Parish, Essex, Rev. J. P. McGuire,	33 00	
St. Mary's Parish, Caroline, Rev. W. Friend,	48 00	
St. Margaret's Parish, Caroline, Rev. D. M. Wharton,	17 80	
Trinity Church, Russell Parish, Rev. J. M. Cofer,	33 13	
Trinity Church, St. Andrew's Parish, Rev. C. W. An- drews,	50 00	
Trinity Church, Augusta Parish, Rev. T. T. Castle- man,	72 00	
Trinity Church, Woodville Parish, Rev. J. McElroy,	21 00	
West Russell Parish, Bedford, Rev. C. W. Thomson,	24 00	
Walker's and St. Ann's Parish, Albemarle, Rev. E. Boyden,	73 70	
Westover Parish, Charles City County, Rev. W. T. Leavell,	31 00	
Wickliffe Parish, Clarke, Rev. R. H. Wilmer,	78 00	
Zion Church, Truro Parish, Rev. W. F. Lockwood,	18 00	
Zion Church, St. Andrew's Parish, Rev. A. Jones,	91 00	
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		\$4,304 70

Errors excepted.

THOMAS H. ELLIS, Treasurer, *pro tem.*

(C)

Shewing amounts received on account of delinquencies for 1846 :	
Bruton Parish, James City county,	\$24 00
Christ Church, Frederickville Parish,	8 00
Cumberland Parish, Lunenburg,	5 00
St. Martin's Parish, Hanover,	15 00
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	\$52 00

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List of Parishes still delinquent for year ending 20th of May, 1846 :	
Abingdon and Ware Parishes,	\$21 00
Boyden Parish, Augusta,	15 00
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*Amount carried over,*

\$36 00

<i>Amount brought over,</i>		\$30	00
Cople Parish, Westmoreland,		4	50
Farnham Parish, Westmoreland,		10	00
St. James' Church, Cumberland Parish, Lunenburg,		30	25
Lynnhaven Parish, Princess Ann,		7	00
Lexington Parish, Amherst, (balance)		28	75
Norborne Parish, Berkeley,		73	00
Trinity Church, Portsmouth, Norfolk county,		44	23
Trinity Church, Russell Parish, Bedford,		14	00
St. Stephen's Church, do do		10	00
St. George's Parish, Accomac,		9	00
St. Margaret's Church, St. Margaret's Parish, Caroline,		7	50
St. Mark's Parish, Culpeper,		8	33
Trinity Church, St. Andrew's Parish, Jefferson,		11	00
St. James' Church, Southam Parish, Powhatan,		6	00
Christ Church, Fredericksville Parish, Albemarle,		11	00
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		\$310	61

## (E)

## List of Parishes not reported at Convention, 1847 :

Accomac Parish, Accomac county.  
 Boyden do Augusta.  
 Brunswick do Stafford.  
 St. John's Church, Richmond city.  
 St. Luke's do do  
 Hungar's Parish, Northampton.  
 Nottoway do Nottoway.  
 St. Andrew's do Brunswick.  
 St. Mark's do Culpeper.  
 Southwark do Surry.  
 St. David's do King William.  
 St. Peter's do New Kent.  
 St. Mark's do Kanawha.  
 St. Matthew's do Ohio.  
 Trinity do Wood,  
 Tillotson do Buckingham.  
 St. Paul's do Hanover.

## (F)

## List of Parishes that have not paid in their proportion of Contingent Fund, for the year ending 19th May, 1847 :

Elizabeth City Parish, Centurion,	\$16	00
Trinity Church, St. Andrew's Parish,	10	00
West Russell Parish, Bedford,	21	00
St. John's Church, City Point,	4	00
St. Martin's Parish, Hanover,	8	00
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*Amount carried up,*

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\$59 00

<i>Amount brought up,</i>	\$59 07
and Christ Church, Brooke,	49 00
st's Parish, Accomac,	32 00
Parish, Fauquier,	8 50
Parish, Powhatan,	5 00
Parish, Berkeley,	37 50
urch, Norborne Parish,	6 00
rish, Fauquier and Loudon,	8 50
Parish, Amherst,*	97 00
g Parish, Richmond,	19 00
ish, Westmoreland,	18 00
Parish,	12 00
Parish, Yorktown,	8 00
urch, Petersburg,	30 00
Parish, Pittsylvania, and	
arish, Henry,	50 00
ad Parish, Lunenburg,	44 00
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	\$483 50
Parish, Yorktown,—error of \$5., belonging to oth-	
rishes, not yet transferred,	5 00
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	\$478 50

ecretary, since the Convention, has received and transmit-  
Treasurer \$11 31 from this parish.

ed, That, in order to facilitate the labors of the Finance Com-  
shall be the duty of the Rector of every church within the  
or of the Wardens in case there be no Rector, to furnish to  
tary of the Convention, on the first day of its session, a  
in writing, showing the number of white communicants be-  
such Church; and, if said Church shall have been reported  
t as to the contingent fund at the last previous Convention,  
lso, whether the same has been or will probably be paid,  
ining any explanations in relation thereto, which statements  
hall be delivered, by the Secretary, to the Finance Com-

he Rector of any Church, or a Lay Delegate, shall not attend  
ng of Convention, it shall be the duty of the Rector, or, if  
one, of the Church Wardens, to send a statement as afore-  
ced to the Secretary at, the place for the meeting of said  
on, so as to reach such place by the first day of the session



—Any postage paid by the Secretary to be refunded to him out of the contingent fund.

On the morning of the second day of the Convention, the Secretary shall call the roll of the Parishes, in order to receive such reports as shall not have been delivered to him.

Resolved, That the Treasurer address a circular to all the delinquent Parishes, stating the amount in arrear from each, and requesting that it shall be paid over to him, and also that the Rector be requested to read to his respective congregations the Treasurer's circular.

The following resolution was offered and, after some discussion, was rejected.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the next Convention to take into consideration the expediency of altering the arrangement, entered into some years since, as to the places in which the annual meetings of this body shall be held.

The Rev. Dr. McGuire, from the Committee on the State of the Church, made the following report, which was accepted :

The Committee on the State of the Church do not find much occasion to change the language of the last annual report, to make it suitable for the present year. The condition of the Diocese, as set forth in the Episcopal addresses and the parochial reports, if not distinguished by the highest prosperity, is yet not without claim on our gratitude. There are many proofs of life and growth, which encourage hope and give pledge of success, where patient continuance in well doing and diligence shall be found. It is always true that "the kingdom of God cometh not with observation." There is much earnest piety and zeal in the Diocese, through which, under God, living stones are fashioned for his spiritual temple.

The Diocese is at unity with itself, and we trust that the unity is not simply in the outward framing, but the true unity of the spirit in the bond of peace. We hold fast to the doctrines embodied by the Reformers in our standards, in the full persuasion that they are the pure truths of the Word of God. This we would not urge as a ground of confidence, but of thankfulness. Nothing but ceaseless watching and prayer can keep us, with the blessing of God, in the truth and peace which have been graciously given us. It is important that the living truths of the Word of God should ever be held up as the prop-

of the soul, and then the devices and commandments of men naturally to their proper place. In our Diocese all things that distinguish us as Protestant Episcopalians are cherished as patrimony descended to us from honored forefathers. They are highly prized as means which God has blessed to the upholding and propagating the pure faith of the gospel.

Complaints are made that in some places the life and power of the Church are not so clearly seen as in past years. This may be owing to the agitation of mind, occasioned by the great controversies of the times, many of them fitted to fix the attention on questions of doctrine and church arrangements, and by the excitement of events of a political character which have, in an unusual degree, interested the citizens of our country.

Some of our ministers complain of inroads of a secular spirit. Members of the Church are sometimes drawn into unfit compliances with the demands of the world, in regard to amusements and fashionable entertainments. Your committee would draw attention to this point to be specially guarded. All must see that in order to have the Church properly active and effective in labors for the conversion of the world, Christians must be known distinctively as such, a peculiar people, shining as a light in a dark place. We are happy to acknowledge the most seasonable and judicious pastoral letter of our Diocesan on this subject. The grounds taken in it and the sound instruction and counsel given must commend themselves to the judgment and conscience of all. We most sincerely hope that it will be universally read and pondered, as wisely suited to the present times. The committee regard with much satisfaction the evidences of increasing attention and effort among some of the clergy in behalf of the poor in their respective parishes. From faithful and well directed efforts in this cause, great good may be anticipated for both worlds, and it is earnestly hoped that the Church in Virginia will fully acquit herself of her solemn obligations in behalf of this neglected portion of the population.

The recommendation, given last year, of attention to the annual giving service, it is believed, was not without effect. As our authorities do not lead in this matter, it is earnestly hoped that the provisions of our Church in regard to it will be fully carried out. We think that the experience of last year fully confirms our hopes as to the advantages of the present suggestion.

The Rev. Wm. M. Jackson, from the special committee to which was referred the second article of the constitution, made the following Report, which, after discussion, was laid upon the table.

The committee to whom was referred the second article of the constitution beg leave to report the following amendment.

The Convention shall be composed of the Bishop and the Assistant Bishop, if there be one, and of the officiating ministers, who now are, or may hereafter be, regularly and canonically elected in parishes, or churches within this Diocese, so long as they continue officiating in the same; professors of the Theological Seminary of Virginia; Missionaries acting under the authority of the Bishop, and within this Diocese; of those whom age or infirmity prevent from exercising their clerical functions; agents for any benevolent society; Chaplains of the Army and Navy, performing clerical duty within the Diocese; of those connected with Literary Institutions of the State, incorporated by law; and also of editors of religious periodicals, published within this Diocese, being clergymen of this church, and who are under the canonical jurisdiction of the Bishop of this Diocese, *Provided, that no person under ecclesiastical censure or process, &c.*

Resolved, That the Treasurer of this Convention be directed to refund to Bishop Meade the amount paid by him for printing his Letters on the Protestant Episcopal Sunday School Union.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered, through the Rector of Christ Church, to the authorities of the several Religious denominations of the town, for the kind use of their respective places of worship, during the session of the Convention.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be presented to the citizens of Winchester for the hospitality and kindness extended to its members.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be directed to pay the expenses of the Secretary in attending this Convention.

Resolved, That the Treasurer pay the door-keeper of this Convention ten dollars.

Resolved, That the Secretary cause to be printed two thousand copies of this Journal, for distribution among the Parishes.

After the usual religious services, the Convention then adjourned

meet in Christ Church, Norfolk, on the 3d Wednesday in May'  
18.

WILLIAM MEADE,  
*President of the Convention.*

Wm. M. BLACKFORD, *Secretary.*

## APPENDIX.

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### PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

*Antrim Parish, Halifax*—J. GRAMMER, *Rector*.—Communicants added, white 2; died 1; removed 1—total 57; colored, added 2—total 18, whole number 75; baptisms, white, infants 5; colored, adult 1; infant 1—total 7; marriages, white 4; funerals, white 2.

The contributions to the benevolent enterprises of the Protestant Episcopal Church, apart from parochial objects, which have passed through the hands of the Rector, during the past year, have been the following, viz : To Foreign Missions, \$47 50 ; Diocesan Missionary Society, \$60 50 ; Theological Seminary, \$8 00 ; Education Society, \$134 23—Amounting together to \$249 23—Which, with \$55 contributed to the Virginia Bible Society, and \$87 to the American Colonization Society, makes the whole amount of contributions, \$391 23 cts.

*Abingdon and Ware Parishes, Gloucester*—CHARLES MANN, *Rector*.—Communicants, added 5; removed 2; died 2; suspended 0—total 46; baptisms, adult 0; white infants 3; colored infants 1—total 4; confirmations 1; Marriages 1; funerals 4; amount collected for different institutions connected with the church, \$190.

*Bruton Parish, Williamsburg*—WM. HODGES, *Rector*.—Communicants, added 6; removed 8, died 0—total, whites 68; colored 2—70; baptisms, infants 4; marriages 2; funeral 4 in the congregation and 3 out of it—total 7, contributions to objects out of the Parish, \$125 00. One candidate for Deacon's orders; Sunday School and other things connected with the Parish about the same as last reported.

*Martin's Brandon Parish*—HENRY M. DENISON, *Rector*.—Communicants, added from another Parish 3—total 26; baptisms, adult, colored, 1; infants, white, 8; infants, colored, 13—total 22; funerals 7; marriages 4; families 28, including adults 53, children about 60—

1113 ; contributions for religious purposes, since April, 1846, 108. Of the above contributions, \$2,50 were given by my colored congregations for the African Mission, besides a number of useful articles of clothing.

*Bristol Parish, Petersburg*—H. STRINGFELLOW, *Rector*.—In consequence of the register of the late Rector being mislaid, I am unable to report the state of the parish since the last Convention, up to the time when I entered upon my duties as Rector, which was about the 1st of January last. Since I have had charge of the parish, there have been added to the communion 7, of whom 3 are from other parishes; confirmations 3; died 2—total 235; baptisms, white infants 2; funerals 7; marriages 4; amount contributed to the various benevolent objects of the church, since I have been with them, \$872, of which \$100 were given to Theological Seminary, \$100; to our Missions in America, \$81 97; to Diocesan Missions, \$305 00; to Africa, \$75; Virginia Bible Society, \$95; assessment for Convention, \$235.—While there is not much in the spiritual condition of the parish to encourage the heart of the Rector, he believes that an improvement has commenced, which will, ere long, under the blessing of God, be productive of the happiest results.

*Bath Parish, Dinwiddie*—J. M. BANISTER, *Rector*.—Confirmations communicants, added 3; white 32; colored 2—total 34; amount collected for the church, \$61 35.

I took charge of this parish in January last, and have already seen much to encourage the expectation of a considerable increase of the church in this county. Through the exertions of the Rev. Mr. Gibson and others, a very neat church edifice has been erected at the Court-house, about 12 miles from Sapony church, and was consecrated shortly before the present Rector came into the parish. He preaches in this church twice, on the second and fourth Sundays of every month, in the afternoon, to large and attentive colored congregations.

*Christ Church, Lancaster*—THOS. B. FLOWER, *Rector*.—Communicants 28; baptisms 14; confirmation 1; collected for Diocesan Missions, 1; for contingent fund, 32—total 72.

I entered upon my duties in this parish on the 8th of April last.

*Christ Church, Middlesex*—G. S. CARRAWAY, *Rector*.—Communicants, died 1—total 10; baptisms, 1 infant, white; funerals 1; number of families 9; amount collected for the following objects—Education Society, \$17; Diocesan Missionary Society, \$23; Contingent Fund \$10; Bible Society, \$1—total \$51.

*Christ Church, Matthews*—G. S. CARRAWAY, *Rector*.—Communicants, added 4, died 1—total 6; baptisms, adults 2; confirmations 1; funerals 1; number of families 4. There has been contributed as follows—Education Society, \$10 38; Diocesan Missionary Society, \$7 50; Contingent Fund, \$6—total \$23 38.

*Cople Parish, Westmoreland*—WM. N. WARD, *Rector*.—Communicants—total 18; funerals 2; number of families 12; adults 25; infants 32.

*Christ Church, Alexandria, Fairfax Parish*—CHARLES B. DANFORTH, *Rector*.—Communicants, added 11, 7 from other cures; removed 12; died 6—total 132, twelve of whom are colored persons; baptisms, infants, white 9; colored 3—total 12; confirmations 4; marriages, funerals 12; number of families, 80; amount collected for benevolent purposes, about \$750.

*Camden Parish, Pittsylvania, including the Ancient Parish of Friesick*—GEO. W. DAME, *Rector*.—Communicants, added 6; 1 colored removed 2—total 53, 3 of them colored; baptisms, adults 1, colored infants 2, white—total 3; marriages, 4 white; 2 colored—total 6—funerals 3; number of families 34; adults 98; infants 56. A very new church building has been erected at Henry court house, and is now ready for consecration.

*Cumberland Parish, Lunenburg*—THOMAS E. LOCKE, *Rector*.—Communicants, added 0; removed 3; withdrawn 2—total, including 2 colored communicants, 46; baptisms, infants, white 1; colored 1—total 2; marriages 2; funerals 5. In consequence of the Rector's indisposition, collections for the various benevolent institutions have not been made.

*Elizabeth City Parish, Centurion Church*—M. L. CHEVERS, *Rector and Chaplain of Fort Monroe*.—Communicants, added 3; removed 5—total 16; baptisms, infants, white 16; marriage 1; funerals, (of which number 11 were of the Virginia Volunteers,) 17; contributed to Missions, &c. \$25. The Sunday School, numbering five teachers and about thirty scholars, is doing well.

*Elizabeth City Parish, St. John's Church, Hampton*—WILLIAM H. GOON, *Rector*.—Communicants, added 3; removed 0; died 1—total 44; baptisms, 5 white infants; marriages 1; funerals 2; contribution to Convention \$43.

*Frederick Parish, Christ Church, Winchester*—W. Y. ROOKER, *Rector*.—Communicants, added 7; removed 5; died 1—total 84; baptisms, white infants 12; marriages 7; funerals 1; number of families 55. Amount collected for the different institutions connected with the church about \$260.

*Frederick Parish, Clarke*—W. G. H. JONES, *Rector*.—Baptisms, infant 6; marriages 4; funerals 7; confirmations 4; communicants, added 3; died 1; removed 4—total 62; number of families 34; contributions—Bible Society, \$345 50; Education Society, \$80 45; Colonization Society, \$56 70—total \$482 65.

*Fredericksville Parish, Christ Church, Charlottesville*.—R. K. MEADE, *Rector*.—Communicants, added 4; removed 4; died 0—total 66; baptisms, adults, white 1; infants, white 2; confirmations 3; marriages 6; funerals 5; amount collected for charitable purposes \$364.

**Furnham Parish, Richmond county**—WM. N. WARD, *Rector*.—Communicants, removed 1—total 19; baptisms, 2 infants, white; funerals 1; number of families 11; adults 27; infants 24.

**Franklin Parish, Franklin county**—GEO. W. DAME, *Rector*.—Communicants, added 1; removed 1—total 3. The distance of Franklin court house (54 miles,) from my residence, is such that I cannot render much service in building up the Church. The duties of my school allow me to be absent only on Saturdays and Sundays, and thus prevent all pastoral visiting.

**Grace Church, Dinwiddie**—CHURCHILL J. GIBSON, *Rector*.—Communicants, added 21; removed 5; died 1; suspended 2; withdrawn 1—total 70; baptisms, adults 6; infants 23, white 19, colored 4—total 29; confirmations 14, including one belonging to St. John's Church, City Point; marriages 19; funerals 43. Amounts contributed—about \$100 to Church objects; \$20 to the African Mission from the Sunday School, and \$56 to the relief of the Irish.

**Hampton Parish, Yorktown**—CHS. MINNEGERODE, *Rector*.—Since the time of my ordination, I officiated at Yorktown, where the Church had been given up entirely for many years, and the circumstances seemed altogether so unpromising, that I entered upon my missionary labors almost against hope. A regular congregation has been raised. The attendance is numerous for the size of the place.—The services are held at the court-house, but so much interest is felt by the congregation, that efforts have been made to raise sufficient funds for the rebuilding of the ancient church at York. Five hundred dollars have been made up, and exertions are made to raise one thousand dollars more, to complete the sum required by the contract already entered upon. Number of communicants, after several transfers now to take place are made, 8; confirmed 3; baptised, adults 2, infants 3; buried 1.

A Sunday School, where more than thirty children are weekly instructed in the word of God, has been organized and is in a promising condition.

A Sewing Society, for benevolent and religious purposes, has also been organized, and counts almost all the ladies of the place among its members.

I further assisted the Rev. Mr. Hodges as far as, and whenever it was, in my power, in the services at Williamsburg. I also preached occasionally to the colored congregations in Williamsburg.

**Hamilton Parish, Warrenton, Fauquier, St. James' Church**—GEORGE H. NORTON, *Rector*.—Communicants, added 3—total 48; baptisms, adult, white, 1; infant, white, 1—total 2; funerals 3; families 30. Amount collected for religious and benevolent purposes—Diocesan Missionary Society, per Ladies' Sewing Society, \$20 00; Contingent fund, \$39 50; other objects, \$80 00—total \$139 50.

The present incumbent took charge of this Church the latter part of November last—his report therefore is only for the intermediate time.



*Henrico Parish, St. John's Church, Richmond*—J. H. MORRISON, *Rector*.—Communicants, added 9; removed and transferred 7; died 2—total 57, (including 1 colored.) baptisms, 3 white infants; confirmations 3, marriages 4, (including one of colored persons;) funerals 3. The contributions have been, for Domestic and Foreign Missions, \$53 54; for Diocesan Missions, \$10; for the Seminary, \$24 00; communion alms, \$30 13; for the relief of the Irish, \$46 41—total \$164 16.

*Holston Parish, St. Thomas' Church, Abingdon, Washington county*—JAMES D. McCABE, *Rector*.—Communicants, added 5—total 11; baptisms, white adults 1, colored 2, white infants 3—total 6; confirmations, white 1, colored 3—total 4; marriages 2; funerals 1; families 7, infants under 14, 20; collections—for Diocesan Missionary Society by Bishop Johns, \$22; for the salary of a colporteur for the county, \$28; for the benefit of the suffering Irish, \$87—total \$137.

We have a Sunday School numbering some twenty pupils and five teachers.

Since the last Convention we have completed our church and parsonage at a cost of about \$3,500—exceeding our estimates some \$700, in consequence of the additional expense for the parsonage house and lot. The spiritual condition of the parish is encouraging.

*Kanawha Parish, St. John's, Kanawha C. H. and St. Luke's Sisters*—HENRY DANA WARD, *Rector*.—Communicants, added 4; removed 10—total 36; baptisms, infants 20, adults 4, 1 colored adult; marriages 10; funerals 11; number of families 20; Sunday Scholars 50; donations to Domestic Missions, \$15; to Foreign Missions, \$10; Virginia Education Society, \$27.

*Lynnhaven Parish, Princess Ann*, HENRY C. LAY, *Rector*.—Communicants 30, died 1; removed 1; added 2—total 30; baptisms, adult 1, infant, white 8, colored 5—total 13. This parish is now vacant.

*Latimer Parish, Rockbridge county*—ROBERT NELSON, *Rector*.—Communicants, added 2; removed 4; died 2; withdrawn 1—total 20; baptisms, infants 8, white; confirmations 2; marriage 1; funerals 4, one of Rev. Wm. Bryant, in his own parish; number of families 10; adults 35; infants 20. Amount collected for the church \$32 62½.

*Littleton Parish, Grace Church and St. James' Church, Cumberland*—OLCOTT BULKLEY, *Rector*.—Communicants, added 4, 2 from other parishes, and 1 from the Protestant Methodists; removed 4; died 1; colored 1—total 39; confirmations 1; marriages, white 1, colored 1; funerals 1. Amount of collections during the year for church purposes \$183.

A Sunday School is kept up most of the year in Grace Church, and is generally well attended.

The ladies of the parish continue their Society, which contributes to various religious objects from \$150 to \$200 a year.

*Lexington Parish, Amherst*—C. WALKER, *Rector*.—Communicants, added 3, removed 4; dead 2—total 97; confirmations 2; bap-

ms, white infants 1; colored infants 4; marriages 2; contribution Theological Seminary fund, \$20.

One of the churches, that at New Glasgow, through the exertions the ladies, and of a gentleman not a member of the church, has been repaired and neatly painted, at an expense of \$60, during the last summer.

*Lunenburg Parish, Richmond county*—WM. N. WARD, *Rector*.—Communicants, added 2; removed 1; withdrawn 1—total 19; baptisms, infants, 3 white; confirmations 2; marriages 3; funerals 3; number of families 11, adults 25, infants 26.

*Leeds Parish, Fauquier*—W. H. PENDLETON, *Rector*.—Communicants, added 1; died 2—total 34; baptisms, infants 4; marriages 3; funerals 6; number of families 14. Amount collected for benevolent objects connected with the church, \$436.

*Monumental Church, city of Richmond*—GEO. WOODBRIDGE, *Rector*.—Communicants, added 17; removed 7; died 3; suspended 3—total 144, of whom one is colored; baptisms, 2 adults, 24 infants—total 26; confirmations 6; funerals 15, marriages 8, collections, for the Education Society, (Bishop Moore Scholarship,) \$100; Theological Seminary about \$75; Foreign Missions, \$50 50; Domestic Missions, \$6 50; Diocesan Missions, \$25; Convention Fund, 143; benevolent purposes connected with the church, about \$200—total \$690.

*Meherrin Parish, Greenville*—D. FRANCIS SPRIGG, *Rector*.—Communicants, added 12, 4 from other cures; removed 1; died 4; suspended 1—total 32, (16 white and 16 black;) baptisms, colored adults 2, infants, white 1, colored 1—total 4; marriages 1; funerals 2. Amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, about \$130.

A church is now being erected at Hicksford. The congregation at this place has generally been good.

*Moore Parish, St. John's Church, Campbell*, SAM'L. D. TOMPKINS, *Rector*.—Communicants, added 4, one from another parish; died 1—total 22, of whom one is colored; baptisms, 1 infant, white; marriages 4, of whom 1 is colored; funerals 4, of whom 1 is colored. Number of families 10; infants 30.

*Meade Parish, Fauquier and Loudon*—WM. M. JACKSON, *Rector*.—Communicants, added 4; removed 5—total 31; baptisms 6, marriages 1; funerals 3; contributions \$157.

*Norborne Parish, Berkeley*—JAMES CHISHOLM, *Rector*.—Communicants, added 12, (of whom 7 by removal from other cures;) removed 5, died 0; suspended 1—total 100; baptisms, infants, white 9; colored 10—total 19; confirmations 5; marriages 5; funerals 6. Amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, \$110. A church consecrated.

*Newport Parish, Smithfield, Christ Church*.—The undersigned

Wardens beg to report, that the religious condition of this Parish is generally about the same as reported last year.

To our anxious regret, the Rectorship of our Parish continued vacant up to the 24th ult., when the Vestry gave a very cordial and unanimous invitation to the Rev. J. G. Downing, of the Diocese of Maryland, to take charge of the Parish as their Rector. It gives us pleasure to add, that our invitation has been accepted, and that Mr. D. has already entered upon his duties.

Communicants, removed 1—total 36, viz: white 32, colored 4; contributions to the Bishop's Fund, \$32.

JAS. H. TUCKER, } Wardens.  
SAMPSON WHITE, }

*Nelson Parish, Nelson county, F. D. GOODWIN, Rector.*—Communicants, added 2; withdrawn 2—total 24; baptisms, white infant 1; marriages 2; funerals 4; collections—for Virginia Bible Society, \$20; Virginia Education Society, \$26; Mission for the Jews, \$20; Foreign Missions, \$35; Diocesan Missions, \$10; Convention fund, \$24—total \$146.

The parish in Amherst county having been vacant, since the removal of the Rev. Mr. Walker to Richmond, I have been invited to take charge of the church at New Glasgow, and have entered upon the duty of preaching there once a month.

*Norborne Parish, Berkeley. Christ Church, Millcreek, RICHARD T. BROWN, Rector.*—Communicants, added 3—total 18, 2 colored; baptisms, 1 white adult, 2 white infants, confirmations 2; marriages 3; funerals 1.

A convenient house, with an excellent garden attached to it, has been purchased by the people as a parsonage. Communicants, added 1; removed 1; received from another parish 1—total 8; baptisms, infants, white 3; confirmations 1; marriages 1; funerals 4. 1 officiate for the colored people every other Sunday afternoon.

*Lectorn, Jefferson county.*—This may be considered as a new point of labor, no Episcopal minister having officiated there since the removal of the Rev. Benjamin Allen, dec'd. I found a few communicants, who now number about 12; there are several families who are prepared to unite with us, as soon as a congregation is organized. A flourishing Sunday School has been organized, numbering about 40 scholars. We are pleased to state that the Sunday School of Christ Church, Baltimore, has presented us with a Library.

*Portsmouth Parish, Trinity Church, Norfolk county.*—J. H. WINFIELD, Rector.—Communicants, added 1; removed 6; died 1—total 63; baptisms, adults, white 1 infants, white 6, colored 1—total 8 confirmations 0; marriages 3 funerals, white 5; colored 4—total 9; number of families 54, adults 126, infants 106—total 232. Amount collected for different institutions connected with the church out of the parish, \$126; contributions to Convention, \$63.

*Raleigh, Genito and Dale Parishes, Amelia, Peacham and Cheseld—P. F. BERKELEY, Rector.*—Communicants, added 3; removed 2—total 46; baptisms, adults, viz: white 1, infants, viz: white total 4 confirmations 2 marriage 1; funerals, white 9, colored 2 11; number of families 34, adults 108, infants 61; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the church, \$234. The Rector continues to officiate in Raleigh and Genito Parishes, sept on the Sunday which makes the fifth Sunday in the month, each day is appropriated to Dale parish. He preaches in the morning in the churches, in the afternoons, as often as practicable, to the freed people who may assemble on some neighboring farm.

*Russell Parish, Bedford—JAMES M. COFER, Rector.*—The Rector's parish has nothing of interest to report. His congregations have been good—the attention of the people devout, but there has been a very little religious sensibility manifested. The "ways of Zion mourn because none come to the solemn feasts." Marriages 2, funerals 2; baptisms 0; communicants 35; contributions to benevolent objects, amount not known.

*Sauquo Parish, Halifax county—JOHN T. CLARK, Rector.*—Baptisms, 1 infant funerals 9, marriages 8, candidates for confirmation 2; contributions \$150; communicants 20. We have two flourishing day Schools.

*St. Stephen's Church, Bedford—O. A. KINSOLVING, Rector.*—Communicants 64, of whom 1 is colored; baptisms, infants 6; confirmations marriages 2; funerals 2. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church—Education Society, \$30; Contingent Fund, . . . By the exertions of the ladies of the Parish, the church is about to be enclosed, which work will cost about \$200.

*St. Murlin's Parish, Hanover—WM. V. BOWERS, Rector.*—Communicants, added 2; removed 3, died 1—total 62; baptisms, 6 white infants; marriages 5; funerals 6; number of families 37; Sunday Schools . . . Amount collected for institutions connected with the Church—Contingent Fund, arrears for 1843, \$15, for 1847, \$54—\$69; Education Society, \$65; Missionary Society, \$55; relief of Ireland, \$80; day Schools of St. Martin's Parish, \$12—total \$281.

*St. John's Church, City Point—N. A. OKESON, Rector.*—Communicants present number 4; baptisms, infant 1, white; adult 1, colored; infants 9, colored. Divine service has been regularly celebrated in this church, since October of last year, to an interesting congregation.—From the interest felt in the church here, the hope of its being succeeded may be entertained.

*St. Andrew's Parish, Jefferson county, Zion Church—ALEXANDER ES, Rector.*—Communicants, added 9, white 7, colored 2; removed 8; died 1; present number 51; baptisms, adults, colored 2 infants, to 21, colored 5—total 23; confirmations 4; marriages 6; funerals; number of families 84; amount collected for different institutions of Church, and other charities, \$771 15.

He has nothing otherwise of special interest to notice, except the energetic and liberal effort on the part of his people to enlarge and much improve their present church edifice. For this enterprise nearly \$3,000 are already subscribed. He may also mention, as a matter worthy of notice, that he has regular appointments for the colored population of his parish, and has always large, attentive and interesting congregations of this too much neglected class of our people.

*St. Paul's Church, Alexandria*—J. T. JOHNSON, *Rector*.—Communicants, added 17, 2 from other churches removed 15; died 3—total 152; baptisms, infants 27, white—total 27; confirmations 11, 2 from the Theological Seminary; marriages 5; funerals 11; Sunday School—superintendent 1, teachers 21, scholars 163.

The Female Prayer Book and Tract Society connected with the congregation has purchased and distributed, during the past year, about 1500 Tracts, and between 80 and 90 Prayer Books.

Amount collected for religious and benevolent purposes, \$876 31.

*St. Paul's Church, Elizabeth River Parish, Norfolk*—DAVID CALDWELL, *Rector*.—Baptisms 6 2 adults, 4 children; marriages 3; funerals 6, 3 adults, 3 children; communicants, added 14 died 1; removed 5—total 138. Amount collected for various benevolent purposes, \$400.

*St. George's Church, Fredericksburg*—E. C. MCGUIRE, *Rector*.—Communicants, added 9, chiefly from other churches died 3 removed 7—total 152 baptisms, adults 1, infants 21—total 22 marriages 8; funerals 13. Sunday Schools 5, scholars 339, teachers 30. Two of the schools are for oral instruction of colored children. Contributions to religious and benevolent objects about \$1000.

*St. Luke's Parish, Mecklenburg*—JOS. JAS. RIDLEY, (*cf. N. C.*) *Rector*.—Communicants, white 10, colored 2—total 12; baptisms, infants, white 0, colored 12—total 12; funerals, colored 2; catechumens, white 10, colored 17—total 27; number of families 7, amount collected for Seminary, \$7, Episcopal assessment, \$10.

*St. Peter's Church, Port Royal, and Grace Church, St. Mary's Parish, Caroline*—WILLIAM FRIEND, *Rector*.—Communicants, added 3, died 2—total 48; funerals 5; baptisms 6, marriages 2; contributions for purposes connected with the church, \$360.

*St. John's Church, Hanover Parish, King George*—WM. FRIEND, *Rector*.—Communicants, removed 2—total 12; baptisms 4; funerals 1; contributions for purposes connected with the church, \$70.

The Rector also reports that, during the past year, he has preached occasionally at Oak Grove, Westmoreland county.

He also continues to preach twice a month on Sunday evenings, to the young men at Concord Academy, and he has reason to believe that his services are acceptable and useful to the pupils of this Institution.

*St. James' Parish, Mecklenburg*—F. H. MCGUIRE, *Rector*.—Communicants, added, white 2, 1 by removal, colored 1—total 3; removed

ed 1; transferred to St. Luke's Parish, white 10, colored 1—total present total 56; baptisms, white infants 6, colored adult 1—total confirmations 1; funerals 9.

*St. John's and Christ Churches, Brooke county*—JAMES D. GOODRECTOR.—Communicants, added 3; died 1—total 49; baptisms, 1 infant; marriages 2; funerals 2.

After resigning the parish at Point Pleasant, Mason county, in May and supplying five weeks at Parkersburg, in the absence of the pastor of that Church, I came to this parish the 25th of June. One of my time has been bestowed upon a very thriving congregation in East Liverpool, Ohio county, made up, in part, of families living in the extremest and most destitute corner of Brooke county.

*St. Paul's Parish, King George county*—LEWIS WALKER, Rector. Communicants; removed 2; added 1—total 24; marriages 6; baptisms, infants, white 2. Amount contributed to Foreign Missions, \$15; to Domestic Missions \$21, to Diocesan Missions, \$21, to Bishop's Fund, \$24—total \$80.

*St. Paul's Church, Leeds Parish, Prince William*—JOHN TOWLES, Rector.—Communicants, added, 2 from other parishes; removed 1—present number 35; baptisms, infants, white 1, colored 8; confirmations 4; funerals 2.

*St. James' Church, Dettingen Parish, Prince William*—JOHN TOWLES, Rector.—Communicants, added, 2; removed 2; died 1—present number 19; baptisms, infants, white 4, confirmations 3; funerals 5.

*St. Thomas' Church, Orange*—J. EARNEST, Rector.—Communicants, added 3; removed 2; died 1—total 66; baptisms, infants 5; confirmation 1; marriages 3; funerals 5; contributions for religious and benevolent objects—Education Society, \$58 50; Diocesan Missions \$3; Christianization Society, \$10 33; Contingent Fund, \$66; Irish and Scotch, \$89 50—total \$227 33.

*St. John's Church, Green Spring Parish, Louisa*—J. EARNEST, Rector.—Communicants, added 1, from another cure; died 2—total 21; baptism, infant 1; funerals 2; contributions, viz:—Education Society, \$28 50; Contingent Fund, \$8—total \$36 50.

Since the last Convention, at the urgent request of the parishioners of Bloomfield Parish, Madison, I have preached once a month to the congregations at the Court House and Rapid Ann. The number of communicants in this parish is 20, of whom 3 are colored. There has been 1 added to the communion within the past year, and 1 has withdrawn; baptisms, white, infants 3, colored, infant 1—total 4; marriages 1; funeral 1; contribution to Diocesan Missions \$9 35, Contingent Fund \$15—total \$24 35.

*St. Paul's Church, Richmond*—WM. NORWOOD, Rector.—Communicants, added 16; removed 21; died 3—present number 240; baptisms, infants 21; confirmations 9; marriages 7; funerals 11; number

of families 132; Sunday Schools 2, one of which is for the religious instruction of colored children, and has an attendance varying from 130 to 150. Sums collected for different religious purposes for Diocesan Missions, \$252 64; for General Missions, \$373 27; assessment, \$249; Communion Alms, \$297 92; Irish relief fund, collected in Church, \$563, and at least as much more collected from the congregation out of the Church; by a few members to the church at Terre Haute, Indiana, \$33. The usual collection for the Seminary was not made.

*St. George's Parish, Accomac*—J. B. T. SMITH, *Rector*.—Communicants, added, white 2; colored 2—total 4; removed 5—total 32; baptisms, adults, white 1, colored 2; infants, white 18, colored 9—total 30; funerals 2, contributions—Convention Fund, \$30; in payment of church debt about \$1,200.

A portion of this Parish has been resigned to the care of the Rev. Mr. Weed, preparatory to a permanent division.

*Suffolk Parish, Newsummd county*—JACOB KEELING, *Rector*.—In compliance with the 35th canon, I herewith report—baptisms, white 2, colored 1—total 3; funerals, white 3, colored 1—total 4; marriages, white 2, colored 1—total 3.

*St. Thomas' Church, St. Thomas' Parish, Frederick*—W. Y. ROOKER, *Rector*.—Communicants—total 19; baptisms 5.

An associate Rector has been obtained for this church, who enters upon his duties in July next.

*Shelburne Parish, Loudon*—GEO. ADIE, *Rector*.—Communicants, added 13, 3 from other Parishes, white 12, colored 1—total, white 80, colored 1—whole number 81; confirmations 9; marriages 6; funerals 6; baptisms, adults, 1 white, colored 1, infants 8—total 10; number of families 66; amount collected for the different institutions of the church, including collection by Bishop Johns for permanent fund of the Seminary, \$900. In addition to this a new organ has been purchased at a cost of \$600.

He continues to officiate regularly on Sabbath afternoon, at Belmont, late Miss Mercer's, now Mrs. Mary Mercer's, school, where there are 11 communicants, 2 lately added. Three were confirmed by Bishop Meade at his late visit there. This congregation have sustained a heavy loss in the death of Miss Margaret Mercer, the pattern of every human and christian virtue. She died, as she lived, exhibiting in the clearest light the power of the gospel and the beauty of holiness. Having lived to the glory of her God and the good of her fellow-beings, she died in peace with God, in love with all men, and in the bright and assured hope of a blessed immortality. Her obituary has been written by the spirit of God, in these words: "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord. Yea, saith the Spirit, for they rest from their labors and their works do follow them."

*St. James Parish, Southam, Powhatan*—ANDREW FISHER.—The Rector reports: There have been added to the list of communicants

ur; confirmed four; baptized two, one infant and one adult; one marriage; two burials;—Lost one communicant by death. Present number of communicants 30. Contributions \$88.50.

*St. Ann's Parish, Essex*—JOHN P. MCGUIRE, *Rector*.—Communicants, added 1; died, colored 1—total 28; baptisms, infants white confirmations 2; marriage 1; funerals, white 3, colored 2—total 5.

*South Farnham Parish, Essex*—JOHN P. MCGUIRE, *Rector*.—Communicants, added 1, died 1—total 33; baptisms, white 5, colored, 12—total 17; confirmations 4; funerals 2.

Amount contributed for the different institutions connected with the Church, about \$200.

The benefits resulting from Sunday School and bible class instruction are still enjoyed by some of the children belonging to both parishes.

The Rev. Mr. Temple continues his labors as assistant minister of South Farnham Parish.

*St. James' Church, Richmond*—A. EMPIE, *Rector*.—Communicants, added, 20 whites and 1 colored; removed 10; died 3—total 133, of whom 5 are colored; baptisms, adults 2, infants 6—total 8, white; confirmations 4; marriages 6; funerals 9, 5 not of the Parish; number of families 81; adults 238; children 140. Amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, \$313 35; Sunday school children, 70.

Of our Church debt \$725 have been extinguished this year.

*St. Paul's Church, Suffolk, and St. John's Church, Chuckatuck, Wasecond*—CHAS. H. DISBROW, *Rector*.—Communicants, added removed 4; died 1—total 40; baptisms, adults 1, infants 7—total 8. The Bishop not having visited the Parish during the present ecclesiastical year, there have been no confirmations. Marriages 2; funerals 16; number of families 50; contributions by the parish for church purposes and benevolent objects \$500.

*St. James' Parish, Northam, Fluvanna and Goochland*—J. P. B. WILMER, *Rector*.—Baptisms, infants, white 4, colored 3, adults 1; confirmations 7; communicants, added 7, 2 from other cures—total 9; marriages 1; funerals 5; contributions to the several institutions of the church, \$500.

*St. Andrew's Parish, Brunswick*—A. J. BERGER, *Rector*.—Communicants, added 6, 4 from other cures, removed 4—total, white 34, colored 21—55; baptisms, infants, white 9, (2 extra-parochial, and 1 of Bishop Johns,) colored 3—total 12; confirmations 3; marriages 4, (extra-parochial;) funerals 7; contributions—Diocesan Missionary Society, \$55 07; Education Society, \$3; Communion Alms, \$18 67½; contingent Fund, \$34—total 108 74½.

Heretofore this parish has been united to the adjoining one of Bath and Dinwiddie. During the past year a separation was effected, and each parish provided with its own clergyman.

The Rector is happy to state, that the services of the church at



Lawrenceville are generally very well attended, and that his prospects for usefulness are encouraging. In addition to his regular appointment at Lawrenceville, he has lately made another at Wilkins' Chapel, some twelve miles distant.

*St. Stephen's Church, St. Mark's Parish, Culpeper*—JOHN COLE, *Rector*.—Communicants, added 1; removed 0; died 0; suspended 0—total 31; baptisms, adults 1, white; colored 0; infants 1, white, colored 0; confirmations 0; marriages 3, viz: white 2, colored 1; funerals 5; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the church—Contingent Fund, \$31; China Mission, \$5; African Mission, \$5; Education Society, \$51 19—total \$92 19.

*St. James' Church, St. Mark's Parish, Culpeper*—JOHN COLE, *Rector*.—Communicants, added 3; removed 0; died 1—total 25; baptisms, infants 4; marriages 3; funerals 1; amount collected for the different institutions belonging to the church—Diocesan Missions, \$3; African Missions, \$10 35; China Missions, \$15; Education Society, \$28; Contingent Fund, \$25—total \$81 35.

*St. Paul's Church, Lynchburg*—WILLIAM H. KINCKLE, *Rector*.—Communicants, added 7, of whom 4 are from other parishes; expelled 1, colored; removed 9; present number 123, of whom 3 are colored and 1 is a candidate for orders; baptisms, 6 white infants; confirmations 6; marriages 13, of whom 5 were colored; funerals 6; contributions to benevolent objects, viz: Contingent Fund, \$120; Communion Alms, \$160 69; Jews Mission, \$12; collection for the Irish, \$175; Diocesan, Foreign and Domestic Missions, \$166 20; Education Society, \$202 22—total \$836 11.

*St. Peter's Parish, New Kent*—E. B. MCGUIRE, *Rector*.—Communicants, added 1; removed 1—total 13; funerals 1.

*St. Paul's Parish, Hanover*—E. B. MCGUIRE, *Rector*.—Communicants—total 9; marriage 1; funerals 3.

*St. David's Parish, King William*—E. B. MCGUIRE, *Rector*.—Communicants—total 10; baptisms 1; marriages 1.

*Trinity Church, Staunton*—T. T. CASTLEMAN, *Rector*.—Communicants, added, white 12, colored 2—total 14; removed 10; died 2, colored 1—total 3—whole number, white 82, colored 8—total 91; baptisms, white, adults 2, infants 5, colored adults 1—total 8; confirmations, whites 17, colored 5—total 22; marriages 5; funerals 10.—Amount contributed to benevolent purposes, \$543 12½.

*Trinity Parish, Louisa*—JOHN COOK.—In consequence of sickness and absence from home during the last summer, I have been enabled to do but little missionary labor during the past year—consequently things remain pretty much as when last reported. There are now but six communicants. I have officiated at but one funeral, no baptisms and no marriages.

*Trinity Church, Shepherdstown*—C. W. ANDREWS, *Rector*.—Communicants, added 5; died 1; removed 1—present number 60=

baptisms, 6 infants, 1 colored adult; confirmations 2; marriages 1, colored; funerals 11; contributions, \$3,441 23, of which \$190 was contributed for the relief of Ireland; \$2,800 for the purchase of a Rectory. The remainder has been given to the Education, Missionary and Bible Societies, and to the institutions of the Diocese—\$641.

*Walker's and St. Ann's Parishes, Albemarle*—E. BOYDEN, *Rector*.—Communicants, added 4, died 3—total 51; confirmations 7; baptisms 4; marriages 4; contributions to benevolent objects about \$150. Walker's church is being substantially and handsomely rebuilt. The congregations at Christ Church are much larger than formerly.

*Wickliffe Parish, Grace and Wickliffe Churches, Clarke*—RICHARD H. WILMER, *Rector*.—Communicants, added 5; removed 3; died 2—total 81, viz: white 77, colored 4; baptisms, adults, white 3, infants, white 8—total 11; confirmations 5; marriages 6; funerals 11; number of families 50; adults 150, infants 169.—Amount collected for the different institutions connected with the church, \$271.

*Wythe Parish, Wythe*—JAMES D. MCCABE, *Missionary*.—Communicants, added 2, 1 from another cure—total 3; baptisms, adults, white 1, colored 2; infants, white 1, colored 3—total 7; confirmations 1; deaths 1, families 4; infants under 14 years of age, 6.

This parish was organized a short time before the last Convention, with but two communicants. Some five or six hundred dollars have been subscribed by the friends in Wytheville for the purpose of erecting a house of worship, and, with some aid from friends abroad, we hope to commence the work during the ensuing summer.

I visit Wytheville, and hold service on the second Sunday in each month.

*Westover Parish, Charles City*—W. T. LEAVELL, *Rector*.—Communicants, added 2; died 1; suspended 1—total 30; baptisms, infants 12, viz: white 11, colored 1; confirmations 4; marriages 2; funerals, white 5, colored 8—total 13. Amount collected for the different institutions connected with the church, \$150.

*West Russell Parish, Bedford*—C. W. THOMSON, *Rector*.—Communicants, added 1, removed 1; died 1—total 45; baptisms, adults 1, infants 1, both white; confirmed 4; marriages 1; funerals 2; number of families 30; amount collected for Convention Fund \$24.

The above embraces the changes since last Report, as far as I have been able to ascertain, having just taken charge of the parish. The new church in Liberty is nearly completed, and awaits consecration.

*Woodville Parish, Trinity Church, Buchanan, Botetourt*—JAMES McELROY, *Rector*.—Communicants, added 7; removed 1—total 21, white, 1 colored; number of families 12, adults 23, infants 30; number of Sunday School scholars 25; teachers 7; volumes in Library 60.—Amount collected for different institutions connected with the church—Diocesan Missions, \$8 10; Education Society, \$5 69—total \$14 3 cts.

I have been in charge of the parish but a few weeks. I found a beautiful parish church, small indeed, but sufficiently commodious for the present inhabitants of the parish, and a most interesting monument of the refined taste and untiring zeal of my devoted and mented predecessor—the late Rev. Mr. Bryant. By way of extending my usefulness, I have commenced, at the parish church, a semi-monthly afternoon service for the servants, and, on the way side, at Ætna Furnace, a similar service for the hands, and for the benefit of the whites who inhabit the neighboring glens of the Purgatory mountains.

*Report of Nelson Sale.*—I am residing in West Russell Parish, Bedford county, performing occasional services as opportunity offers, and circumstances admit. Baptised 4 children, white; buried 1 white; married 2.

*Report of Edmund Withers.*—Baptisms, infants, white 9; married 1, white 1,

The missionary charge of Sussex and Southampton I resigned December last, the Missionary Society having withdrawn further aid from this station. Since December, I have resided in Dinwiddie, officiating occasionally for surrounding clergymen.

*Zion Church, Providence, Fairfax*—W. F. Lockwood, Rector.—Communicants, added 6; removed 2—total 18; confirmations 6; marriages 2; funerals 1. During the year the ladies of the congregation have paid \$200 towards the debt of the Church. On the 15th March, I resigned the Rectorship of St. Stephen's Church, Fauquier. Since my last report, from that church, there have been 4 persons confirmed; 2 marriages; 1 funeral.

The last of April I took charge of Falls Church, Fairfax county. Through the liberality of one of its members, it has been neatly fitted up and newly painted, and is now one of the finest country churches in the Diocese. I can only report 7 communicants.

The subscriber has been engaged, during the past year, as a Ministry in the City of Richmond. Services have been held at the ministry regularly once every Sunday and sometimes twice. The congregations generally have been good. He has been prevented from visiting the Penitentiary regularly, by other engagements, but preached to the very attentive congregation at this place whenever opportunity would offer. At the Alms house he has attended weekly—3 of the inmates have already given good evidence of piety, and two of these have made profession of the faith in baptism. Several others are deeply interested on the subject of religion.

Services have been held on Belle Isle once in two weeks. One communicant has been received; baptisms, adults 3, in marriages 11; funerals 47. In addition to the above he has ministered to the colored people at the Tredegar Works.

WM. F.

*Berkeley Parish, St. John's Church, Spottsylvania*—D. M. WHARTON, *Rector*.—Communicants, removed 1—total 17; baptisms, infants 2; marriages 2; amount collected for contingent fund, \$12; for other benevolent objects, \$22.

*Christ Church, Spottsylvania*—D. M. WHARTON, *Rector*.—Communicants, whites 17, colored 2—total 19; baptisms, infants 2; funerals, 1 white and 2 colored.

*St. Margaret's Church, Caroline*—D. M. WHARTON, *Rector*.—Communicants, added 1; died 1—total 38; baptisms, infants 2; funerals, 3 whites and 3 colored; amount collected for contingent fund, \$17 80; for other benevolent objects, \$7 54.

## ABSTRACT OF PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

## PARISHES AND CHURCHES.

PARISHES AND CHURCHES.	Communicants.				Baptisms.		Confirmations.		Funerals.	Number of Families.	Contributions.
	A. died.	Colored.	Removed.	Suspended.	Total.	White.		Total.			
						Infants.	Adults.				
Abingdon and Ware Parishes, Gloucester,											
Augusta Parish, Augusta,	12	5	2	6	2	46	2	3	1	4	\$190 00
Antrim Parish, Halifax,	10	2	1	1	2	51	5	1	6	17	543 124
Bath Parish, Elmwoodlee,	2	2	1	1	1	75	5	1	7	3	391 23
Bristol Parish, Petersburg,	7	7	8	8	2	70	2	2	2	3	61 35
Brunswick Parish, Williamsburg,	6	6	1	2	2	33	1	1	1	6	872 00
Camden Parish, Pittsylvania,						28	1	1	1	1	195 00
Christ Church, Lancaster,						10	1	1	1	1	69 00
Christ Church, Middlesex,						46	1	1	1	1	61 00
Cumberland Parish, Lunenburg,						132	9	3	12	4	
Extinguish Parish, Prince William,						3	1	2	3	3	
Fairfax Parish, Alexandria,						66	1	2	3	6	364 00
Franklin Parish, Franklin,						84	12	12	24	2	960 00
Fredericksburg Parish, Charlottesville,						162	6	6	12	3	482 63
Frederick Parish, Winchester,						70	6	19	25	14	176 00
Frederick Parish, Millwood,						8	2	3	5	3	76 00
Grace Church, Petersburg,						36	4	20	24	2	20 00
Hampton Parish, York,						97	1	1	2	2	32 63
Kanawha Parish, Kanawha,						90	8	8	16	1	183 00
Lexington Parish, Amherst,						36	4	4	8	4	436 00
Limington Parish, Rockbridge,						34	4	4	8	4	
Littleton Parish, Cumberland,						33	1	1	2	2	
Leeds Parish, Fauquier,						19	1	1	2	1	
Leeds Parish, Prince William,						19	1	1	2	1	
Lunenburg Parish, Richmond county,						18	1	1	2	1	
Farnham Parish, do						1	1	1	2	1	
Cople Parish, Westmoreland,						1	1	1	2	1	
Moore Parish, St. John's Church, Campbell,						1	1	1	2	1	
do do St. Paul's Church, Lynchburg,						1	1	1	2	1	
do do						1	1	1	2	1	

<b>Martin's Brandon, Prince George,</b>	12	1	1	96	8	1	13	27		9	1	31	19 00
McMerrin Parish, Greensville,	12	5	1	32	1	1	2	11	4	1	2	130 00	
Norborne Parish, Berkeley,	12	5	1	100	9	9	10	19	5	5	6	85 00	
{ Norborne Parish, Christ Church, Millcreek,	2	1		18	1		2	3	2	3	1		
{ Middleway, Jefferson,	2	1		8	3		3	3	1	1	4		
Nelson Parish, Nelson,	2	2		24	1		1	1		2	4	146 00	
Roanoke Parish, Halifax,	13			20	1					6	9	150 00	
Shelburne Parish, Loudon,	4			87	1		1	10	9	6	6	900 00	
St. James', Southam, Powhatan,	4			30	1		1	2	4	1	2	88 50	
St. Paul's Church, Richmond,	16			3240	21		21	9		7	11	1796 83	
St. Stephen's Church, Culpeper,	1			31	1		1	3	3	3	5	92 19	
St. James', Northam, Goochland and Fluvanna,	7			40	1		1	3	7	1	5	500 00	
St. James' Church, Warrenton,	3			48	1		1	8		3	30	139 00	
St. George's, Accomac,	4	5		32	1	18	2	9		2	2	30 00	
St. James' Church, Richmond,	20	1		3132	2	6	9	30		6	9	313 35	
St. George's Church, Fredericksburg,	9	10		3152	1	21		22		8	13	1000 00	
St. John's Church, Hampton,	3	7		144	5					1	2	43 00	
St. Ann's and South Farnham, Essex,	1			128	5				2	1	5		
do	1			1	33	5		12	17	4		200 00	
St. Thomas' Church, Orange,	3	2		16	5			1		3	5	227 33	
St. Martin's Parish, Hanover,	2	5		62	6					5	6	261 00	
St. John's and Christ Churches, Brooke,	3			149						2	2		
St. Paul's, Norfolk,	14	5		1138	2	4		6		3	6	400 00	
St. John's Church, City Point,				4		1	1	11					
St. Stephen's, Bedford,	4	4		64	6			3		2	2	93 00	
St. Paul's Church, Suffolk,	7	8		140	1	7	2	5	28	16	50	540 00	
St. Andrew's, Zion Church, Charlestown,	2			91	21		2	8	4	6	8	574 15	
Trinity Church, Portsmouth,	1	5		63	1	6	1	8		3	9	183 00	
Trinity Church, Shepherdstown,	5	1		4	6		1	7	2	1	9	3441 23	
Woodville Parish, Buchanan,	7	1		22								12 14 73	
Westover, Charles City,	2	1		1	11		1	12	4	2	13	150 00	
West Russell Parish, Bedford,	1	1		45	1		1	2	4	1	2	24 00	
Wickliffe Parish, Clarke,	5	3		81	3	8		11	5	6	10	271 00	
Suffolk Parish, Nansmond,				6	2	9		3	5	3	4		
Trinity Parish, Louisa,				3158									
St. Paul's, Alexandria,	17	15		6	27			27	11	5	11	876 31	

Zion Church, Providence, Fairfax,	6	2	18	3	18	6	2	1	25 00
Rev. Wm. Duval, City Missionary,	1	5	16	16	16	21	11	47	150 00
Centurion Church, Fort Monroe,	2					16	1	17	52 00
Walker's and St. Ann's Parishes, Albemarle,	4	1	3	51	4		7		
Christ Church, Newport Parish,				36					
Lynnhaven Parish, Princess Ann,	2	1	1	30	1	5			300 00
St. Peter's ch., Port Royal, and Grace ch., St. Mary's Par.	5		2	48	6	6		2	70 00
St. John's Church, Hanover Parish,	2	2	12	12	4	4		1	17 00
St. Luke's Parish, Mecklenburg,			46	12		12	2	2	234 00
Raleigh and Dale Parishes, Amelia, &c.	5	2	1	3	1	12	2	1	80 00
St. Paul's Parish, Mecklenburg.	1	2	24	2	2	4	6	34	

(Parochial Reports were received by the Secretary since the Convention, and published, which were not before the Committee and are, of course, not embraced in this abstract.)

## A LIST

CLERGY OF THE DIOCESE OF VIRGINIA,  
WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE  
PARISHES AND POST OFFICES.

CLERGY.	PARISH OR CHURCH.	POST OFFICE.
MEADE, D. D.		Milwood, Clarke.
HENS, D. D.		Richmond.
orge	Shelburne parish,	Leesburg.
. C. W.	Trinity church,	Shepherdstown.
v. Wm.	St. Matthew's church,	Wheeling.
O.	Lytton parish,	Ca Ira, Cumberland.
. P. F.	Raleigh and Dale parishes,	Amelia Court House.
Wm. V.	St. Martin's parish,	New Amsterdam, Hanover.
E.	St. Ann's & Walker's pr's.,	Everettsville, Albemarle.
. J.	St. Andrew's parish,	Lawrenceville, Brunswick.
J. M.	Bath parish,	Dinwiddie Ct. Ho.
. Rev. James		Richmond.
t. Templeman	Norborne parish, Berkeley,	Middleway, Jefferson.
v. T. T.	Trinity church,	Saunton.
. D.	St. Paul's church,	} Norfolk.
. G. D.	Christ church,	
M. L.	Centurion church,	Old Point Comfort.
. James	Norborne parish,	Martinsburg.
ohn T.	Roanoke parish,	Mt. Laurel, Halifax.
hn	St. Stephen's church,	Culpeper Ct. Ho.
hn	Officiating in Louisa,	Ætna, Hanover.
M.	Residing in Bedford,	Lynchburg.
. Edmund	Residing in Amherst,	Amherst Ct. Ho.
v. G. S.	Kingston p'sh, Math. & Mx.	Urbanna.
. W.	Camden & Patrick parishes,	Danville.
. B.	Christ church, Fairfax p'sh.	Alexandria.
. James	Residing in	Lynchburg.
v. E. A.	Rector Epis. High School,	Theo. Seminary, Fairfax.
. C. H.	St. Paul's church,	Suffolk, Nansemond.
H. M.	Martin's Brandon parish,	Garysville, Prince George.
Wm.	Missionary,	Richmond.
. J. G.	Newport parish,	Smithfield, Isle of Wight.
Joseph	St. Thomas' church,	Orange Ct. Ho.
. Rev. A.	St. James' church,	Richmond.
Thomas B.	{ Christ church,	} Lancaster Ct. Ho.
Wm.	{ White chapel,	
Andrew	St. Peter's & Grace churches,	Port Royal, Caroline.
. F. D.	St. James' Southam,	Sublett's Tavern, Powhatan.
. James	Nelson Parish,	Tye River Ware H., Nelson.
v. John	St. John's & Christ churches,	Wellsburg.
C. J.	Antrim parish,	Halifax Ct. Ho.
Charles	Grace church,	Petersburg.
Richardson	Missionary,	Houston, Texas.
. H.	Missionary,	China.
hn H.	St. John's church,	Hampton.
William	Missionary,	Athens, Greece.
Edmund W.	Bruton parish,	Williamsburg.
. W. M.	Missionary	Africa.
. W. G.	Trinity, Meade parish,	Upperville, Fauquier.
. James T.	Chaplain U. S. Navy,	Norfolk.
Rev. Alexander	St. Paul's church,	Alexandria.
V. G. H.	St. Andrew's parish,	Charlestown, Jefferson.
Jacob	Frederick parish,	Millwood, Clarke.
		Suffolk, Nansemond.



- Kinckle, Rev. W. H.  
 Kinsolving, Rev. O. A.  
 Leavell, Rev. W. T.  
 Lippitt, Rev. E. R.  
 Locke, Rev. Thomas E.  
 Lockwood, Rev. Wm. F.  
 Mann, Rev. Charles  
 May, D. D., Rev. James  
 Meade, Rev. R. K.  
 Minnegerode, Rev. Charles  
 Morrison, Rev. J. H.  
 McCabe, Rev. James D.  
 McKelroy, Rev. J.  
 McGuire, D. D., Rev. E. C.  
 McGuire, Rev. J. P.  
 McGuire, Rev. F. H.  
 McGuire, Rev. E. B.  
 Meredith, Rev. W. C.  
 Nelson, Rev. Robert  
 Newell, Rev. C.  
 Norwood, Rev. W.  
 Nash, Rev. F. B.  
 Norton, Rev. G. H.  
 Okeson, Rev. N. A.  
 Packard, Rev. Joseph  
 Payne, Rev. John  
 Pendleton, Rev. W. H.  
 Rooker, Rev. W. Y.  
 Slaughter, Rev. Philip  
 Sale, Rev. Nelson  
 Stringfellow, Rev. H.  
 Spriggs, Rev. D. Francis  
 Smith, Rev. Joshua  
 Smith, Rev. George A.  
 Smith, Rev. Leonidas  
 Smith, Rev. Jonathan B. T.  
 Sparrow, D. D., Rev. W.  
 Syle, Rev. E. W.  
 Temple, Rev. H. W. L.  
 Towles, Rev. John  
 Thompson, Rev. C. W.  
 Tizzard, Rev. A. B.  
 Tyler, Rev. Joseph D.  
 Tompkins, Rev. S. D.  
 Ufford, Rev. J.  
 Ward, Rev. H. D.  
 Ward, Rev. W. N.  
 Wharton, Rev. D. M.  
 Wharton, Rev. John A.  
 Wingfield, Rev. J. H.  
 Woodbridge, Rev. George  
 Woodville, Rev. J. W.  
 Wilmer, Rev. J. P. B.  
 Wilmer, Rev. R. H.  
 Wilmer, Rev. G. T.  
 Withers, Rev. Edmund  
 Woods, Rev. H. W.  
 Walke, Rev. Lewis  
 Webb, Rev. Wellington  
 Walker, Rev. C.  
 Wolf, Rev. Anbler
- St. Paul's church,  
 St. Stephen's church,  
 Westover parish,  
 Editor South. Churchman,  
 Cumberland parish,  
 Falls church, Fairfax p'sh.  
 & Zion ch., Truro parish,  
 Abingdon & Ware parishes,  
 Prof. Theo. Seminary,  
 Christ church,  
 William & Mary College,  
 St. John's church,  
 Holston parish, Washington,  
 Trinity church,  
 St. George's church,  
 St. Ann's & S. Farnham ps.  
 St. James church,  
 St. Paul's parish,  
 Tillotson parish,  
 Woodville parish,  
 Chaplain U. S. Navy,  
 St. Paul's church,  
 St. Mark's,  
 Hamilton parish,  
 St. John's church,  
 Prof. Theo. Seminary,  
 Missionary,  
 Leeds parish,  
 Frederick parish,  
 West Russell parish,  
 St. Paul's church,  
 Meherrin parish,  
 Prin. Fairfax Institute,  
 St. George's ps'h, Accomac,  
 Prof. Theo. Seminary,  
 Missionary,  
 Officiating in Essex,  
 Dettingen & Leeds parishes,  
 West Russell parish,  
 Residing in Goochland,  
 Prin. Deaf & Dumb Instit.  
 Moore parish, St. John's ch.  
 Hungar's parish,  
 Kanawha parish,  
 Lunenburg, Farnham and  
 Cople parishes,  
 Berkeley, St. George's &  
 St. Margaret's parishes,  
 Officiating in Bedford,  
 Trinity church,  
 Monumental church,  
 St. Mark's parish,  
 St. James Northam parish,  
 Wickliffe parish, Clarke,  
 Botetourt parish,  
 Albemarle parish, Sussex,  
 St. Paul's, King George,  
 Missionary,  
 Asst. Min. St. Paul's ch.,  
 St. George's church,
- Lynchburg  
 New London, Bedford  
 Charles City Ct. Ho.  
 Alexandria,  
 Macfarland's store, Lunbr.  
 Fairfax Ct. Ho.  
 Gloucester Ct. Ho.  
 Theo. Seminary, Fairfax.  
 Charlottesville.  
 Williamsburg.  
 Richmond.  
 Buchanan.  
 Fredericksburg.  
 Loretto, Essex.  
 Boynton, Mecklenburg.  
 Old Church, Hanover.  
 Ca lrs, Cumberland.  
 Lexington.  
 Richmond.  
 Coalsmouth, Kanawha.  
 Warrenton.  
 City Point, Pr. George.  
 Theo. Seminary, Fairfax ==  
 Africa.  
 Leeds Manor, Fauquier ==  
 Winchester.  
 Davis' Store, Bedford.  
 Petersburg.  
 Poplar Mount, Greensv. ==  
 Theo. Seminary, Fairfax ==  
 Norfolk.  
 Theo. Seminary, Fairfax.  
 China.  
 Miller's Tavern, Essex.  
 Milford Mills, Pr. William.  
 Liberty, Bedford.  
 Pemberton, Goochland.  
 Staunton.  
 Pigeon Run, Campbell.  
 Eastville, Northampton.  
 Kanawha Ct. Ho.  
 Warsaw, Richmond co.  
 Mt. Pleasant, Spotsylvania.  
 Liberty, Bedford.  
 Portsmouth.  
 Richmond.  
 El Dorado, Culpeper.  
 Pemberton, Goochland,  
 Berryville, Clarke.  
 Fincastle, Botetourt.  
 Goodwynsville, Dinwiddie.  
 Hampstead, King George.  
 Loch Lomond, Goochland.  
 Richmond.  
 Bellhaven, Accomac.

## A LIST

THE PARISHES OF THE DIOCESE OF VIRGINIA,  
WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE  
COUNTIES, CHURCHES AND MINISTERS.

PARISHES.	COUNTIES,	CHURCHES.	MINISTERS:
Accomac,	Accomac		Charles Mann
Gloucester,	Gloucester		John Grammer
Halifax,	Halifax	St. John's	E. Withers
Sussex,	Sussex		T. T. Castleman
Augusta,	Augusta	Trinity	J. M. Banister
Dinwiddie,	Dinwiddie	Sapony	D. M. Wharton
Spottsylvania,	Spottsylvania	{ St. John's	G. T. Wilmer
Bot. and Roanoke,	Bot. and Roanoke	{ Christ	William Hodges
Williamsburg,	Williamsburg		
Augusta,	Augusta,	Boyden Chapel	
Madison,	Madison	{ Piedmont	
Prince George,	Prince George	{ Trinity	H. Stringfellow
King George,	King George	{ St. Paul's	C. J. Gibson
Harrison,	Harrison	{ Grace	
Westmoreland,	Westmoreland	Lamb's Creek	
Langston,	Langston	Christ	W. N. Ward
Lunenburg,	Lunenburg	{ St. John's	T. B. Flower
St. Paul's,	St. Paul's	{ St. Paul's	Thomas E. Locke
Roanoke,	Roanoke		
G. S. Carraway,			G. S. Carraway
Pittsylvania,	Pittsylvania	{ St. Andrew's	G. W. Dame
Emanuel,		{ Emanuel	
Epiphany,		{ Epiphany	
St. James',		{ St. James'	John Towles
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Centurion,		{ Centurion	M. L. Chevers
St. Paul's,		{ St. Paul's	D. Caldwell
Christ,		{ Christ	G. D. Cummins
Trinity,		{ Trinity	
Buckmountain,		{ Buckmountain	
St. Paul's,		{ St. Paul's	
Rockfish,		{ Rockfish	
Christ,		{ Christ	R. K. Meade
Christ,		{ Christ	W. Y. Rooker
Christ,		{ Christ	C. B. Dana
St. Paul's,		{ St. Paul's	J. T. Johnston
Falls',		{ Falls'	Wm F. Lockwood
Wickliffe,		{ Wickliffe	W. G. H. Jones
The Chapel,		{ The Chapel	
G. W. Dame,			G. W. Dame
P. F. Berkeley,			P. F. Berkeley
J. Earnest,			J. Earnest
J. D. Metcalf,			J. D. Metcalf
Charles Munnegerode,			Charles Munnegerode
Wm. Norwood,			Wm. Norwood
George Woodbridge,			George Woodbridge
J. H. Morrison,			J. H. Morrison
A. Empie, D. D.,			A. Empie, D. D.
William Duval,			William Duval
Henrico,	Henrico	{ St. Paul's	
Monumental,		{ Monumental	
St. John's,		{ St. John's	
St. James',		{ St. James'	
St. Luke's,		{ St. Luke's	
Missionary,		{ Missionary	

Heber,	Bedford	St. John's	C. W. Thompson
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Hahover,	King George	St. John's	William Friend
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		{ St. James'	
		{ St. John's, Kanawha	
		{ C. H.	H. D. Ward
Kanawha,	Kanawha	{ St. Luke's, Salinas	
		{ St. Mark's, Coals-	F. B. Nash
		{ mouth,	
Kingston,	Matth. & Middlesex	Christ	G. S. Carraway
Leeds,	Fauquier		W. H. Pendleton
Latimer,	Rockbridge,	Grace	Robert Nelson
I ynnaven,	Princess Ann	{ Emanuel, and	
		{ Chapel	
		{ Rucker's	
		{ Pedlar Mills	
		{ New Glasgow	
Lexington,	Amherst		F. D. Goodwin
Lunenburg,	Richmond		W. N. Ward
Leeds,	{ Prince William	St Paul's	J. Towles
	{ Fauquier	St Paul's	W. H. Pendleton
Lyttleton,	Cumberland	{ Grace,	O. Bulkley
Meade,	Fauquier & Loudon	{ St. James'	W. M. Jackson
		{ Trinity	
		{ Merchant's Hope	H. M. Denison
Martin's Brandon,	Prince George	{ St. John's Church,	N. A. Okeson
		{ City Point	D. Francis Sprigg
Meherrin,	Greensville	{ St. John's	S. D. Tompkins
Moore,	Campbell	{ St. Paul's	W. H. Kinckle
		{ Trinity	
Norborne,	Berkeley	{ Mt. Zion	Jas. Chisholm
		{ Calvary	
Newport,	Isle of Wight	{ Christ church	J. G. Downing
Nelson,	Nelson	{ Trinity	F. D. Goodwin
		{ Callaway	
North Farnham,	Richmond		W. N. Ward
Portsmouth,	Norfolk	Trinity	J. H. Wingfield
Russell,	Bedford	Trinity	
Raleigh,	Amelia	Grubb Hill	P. F. Berkeley,
Roanoke,	Halifax	{ Brick	J. T. Clark
		{ Catawba	
St. Andrew's,	Brunswick	St. Andrew's	A. J. Berger
St. George's,	Accomac	{ St. James'	J. R. T. Smith
		{ St. George's	Asahel Weed
St. Ann's,	Albemarle	{ Christ	E. Boyden
St. Margaret's,	Caroline	{ St. Margaret's	D. M. Wharton
St. Mary's,	Caroline	{ St. Peter's	W. Friend
		{ Grace	
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		{ St. James'	J. Woodville
St. Ann's,	{ Essex		J. P. McGuire
South Farnham,			
St. Martin's,	Hanover	Fork	W. V. Bowers
St. James',	Mecklenburg		F. H. McGuire
St. George's,	Spotsylvania	{ St. George's	F. C. McGuire, D. D.
		{ Christ church	D. M. Wharton
Shelburne,	Loudon	{ St. James'	George Adie
		{ Zion	Alexander Jones, D. D.
St. Andrew's,	Jefferson	{ Trinity	C. W. Andrews
St. Paul's,	King George	{ St. Paul's	Lewis Walke
Suffolk,	Nansemond	{ St. Paul's	C. H. Dishrow
St. Luke's,	Mecklenburg	{ St. Luke's	J. J. Rodley, (of N. C.)

James' Northam	{ Goochland and Fluvanna	{ St. Paul's Columbia	J. P. B. Wilmer
James' Southam, Powhatan	{	{ Peterville	A. Fisher
Thomas', Orange		{ St. Luke's	Jos. Earnest
		{ St. Thomas'	James Goodwin
	Brooke	{ St. John's	
		{ Christ church	
David's, King William			E. B. McGuire
Aul's, Hanover			
Peter's, New Kent			
Matthew's, Ohio		St. Matthew's	William Armstrong
Thomas', Frederick		St. Thomas'	W. Y. Rooker
		{ Pohick	W. F. Lockwood
o, Fairfax		{ Zion	J. Cook, officiating
ity, Louisa			
ity, Wood			
's n, Buckingham		St. Peter's	W. C. Meredith
ker's, &c. Albemarle		Walker's	F. Boyden
e, Gloucester			Charles Mann
hington, Westmoreland			
tover, Charles City			W. T. Leavell
t Russell, Bedford		St. Thomas'	Nelson Sale
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W. G. H. JONES.

### LAY.

TAZEWELL TAYLOR,

R. H. CUNNINGHAM,

SAM'L. H. LEWIS,

GEO. W. SUMMERS.

*Form of a Bequest to the Trustees of the Theological Seminary of the  
Episcopal Church in Virginia.*

"I GIVE to A. B. and C. D., the survivor of them, or ex-  
ecutors, or administrators, of such survivor, (should such survivor die  
before this will takes effect,) for the  
Theological Seminary of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Virgin-  
ia, to be paid to the Treasurer of such institution, and the receipt of  
said A. B. and C. D. the survivor or executor, or administrators of such  
survivor, shall be a sufficient discharge to my executor. And this  
legacy is to be paid by my executors, as above directed, whether the  
person to whom the payment as above directed is to be made shall be  
under any legal obligation to apply it as above described or not; it  
being my intention, that no kindred or other legatee of mine shall  
take or be entitled to, directly or indirectly, any interest or trust in  
the said legacy, and the same shall at all events be paid as directed,  
so that, if the person who may receive it shall not voluntarily apply it  
to the use of the said Theological Seminary, and cannot in law be  
compelled so to apply it, he shall take to his own use the benefit of  
the said legacy."

In obedience to a resolution of the Convention, the following act of the Legislature is published, for the information of the Clergy and Laity.

*An ACT*

*Concerning conveyances or devises of places of public worship.*

[Passed February 3, 1842.]

1. *Be it enacted by the general assembly,* That where any lot, or part of a lot, tract or parcel of land has been heretofore conveyed or devised, or shall hereafter be conveyed or devised, to one or more trustees for the use and benefit of any religious congregation, as and for a place of public worship, the same, and all buildings, and other improvements thereupon, shall be held by such trustee or trustees, (and their successors) for the purposes of the trust, and not otherwise.

2. *And be it further enacted,* That where any conveyance or devise shall hereafter be made of such property for the use and benefit, and purpose aforesaid, the same shall not be void or frustrated by reason of the want of trustees to take and hold the same in trust; but trustees may be appointed in the manner hereinafter directed.

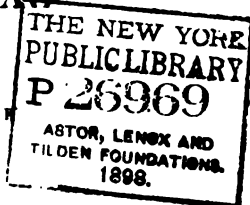
3. *And be it further enacted,* That where such conveyance or devise has heretofore been made to a trustee or trustees, or where such conveyance or devise shall hereafter be made, whether by the intervention of trustees or not, the circuit superior court of law and chancery of the county or corporation where such property is or may be situate, shall, on application of the attorney for the commonwealth on behalf of the authorized authorities of any such religious congregation, have full power and authority to appoint trustees originally where there were none, or to substitute others from time to time, in cases of death, refusal or neglect to act, removal from the county or corporation, or other inability to execute the trust beneficially and conveniently; and the legal title shall thereupon become exclusively vested in the whole number of the then trustees and their successors.

4. *And be it further enacted,* That a majority of the acting trustees for any such congregation may sue and be sued in their own names, in relation to the title, possession or enjoyment of such property without abatement by the death of any of the trustees, or the substitution of others; but the action or suit may notwithstanding be prosecuted to its final termination in the names of the trustees by or against whom the same was instituted, and all other proceedings had in relation thereto, in like manner, as if such death or substitution had not occurred: *Provided however,* That such trustees for the use of any religious congregation shall not hereafter take or hold at any one time, any tract of land in the country exceeding in quantity thirty acres, or in any incorporated town exceeding two acres; nor shall such real property be held by them for any other use than as a place of public worship, religious or other instruction, burial ground and residence of their minister.

5. This act shall be in force from the passing thereof.

*Carl E. T. Taylor*  
*ex. McHenry*

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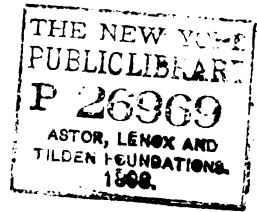
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**PLACES FOR THE MEETING OF CONVENTION.**

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WHEELING,	<i>Third Wednesday in May,</i>	1849
CHARLOTTESVILLE,	" " "	1850
ALEXANDRIA,	" " "	1851
STAUNTON,	" " "	1852
RICHMOND	" " "	1853
LYNCHBURG,	" " "	1854
FREDERICKSBURG,	" " "	1855
PETERSBURG,	" " "	1856
WINCHESTER,	" " "	1857
NORFOLK,	" " "	1858

## RULES OF ORDER.

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1. The Convention shall be opened every day with prayer.
2. When the President takes the Chair, no member shall continue standing, nor shall afterwards stand up, except to address the Chair.
3. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the Convention, he shall rise from his seat and respectfully address himself to the President, and shall confine himself to the question under debate and avoid personality.
4. If any member in speaking, or otherwise, transgress the rules of the Convention, the President shall, or any member may, call to order, in which case, the member so called to order *shall* immediately take his seat, unless permitted to explain, and the Convention shall, if appealed to, decide on the case, but without debate; and, if there be no appeal, the decision of the Chair shall be submitted to; if the decision be in favor of the member called to order, he shall be at liberty to proceed; if otherwise, and the case require it, he shall be liable to the censure of the Convention.
5. When two or more members happen to rise at once, the President shall name the member who is first to speak.
6. No member shall speak more than twice to the same question without leave of the Convention, nor more than once, until every member, choosing to speak, shall have spoken.
7. Whilst the President is putting any question, or addressing the Convention, none shall walk out of, or across, the house, nor in such case, nor when a member is speaking, shall entertain private discourse — nor, whilst a member is speaking, shall pass between him and the Chair.
8. No member shall vote on any question in the event of which he

is immediately and particularly interested, nor in any case where he was not present when a question was put.

9. Upon a division and count of the Convention on any question, no member without the limits allotted as seats of the members shall be counted.

10. Every member who shall be in the house, when the question is put, shall give his vote, unless the Convention, for special reasons, shall excuse him.

11. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be stated by the President, or, being in writing, it shall be handed to the Chair, and read aloud by the Secretary, before debate.

12. Every motion shall be reduced to writing if the President or any member require it.

13. After a motion is stated by the President, or read by the Secretary, it shall be deemed to be in possession of the Convention, but may be withdrawn at any time before decision or amendment.

14. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received but to adjourn, to lay on the table, for the previous question, to postpone indefinitely, or to a certain day, to commit to a committee, or to amend—which several motions shall have precedence in the order they stand arranged.

15. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order and shall be decided without debate.

16. The previous question shall be in this form—"Shall the main question be now put?" It shall be admitted only when demanded by a majority of the members present, and, until it is decided, shall preclude all amendments and further debate on the main question.

17. On the previous question there shall be no debate.

18. When a question is decided by the Convention or is postponed indefinitely, the same shall not be acted upon again during the session, without the consent of two-thirds of the members present.

19. Any member may call for the division of a question, where the sense will admit of it, but a question to strike out and insert shall be deemed indivisible.

20. No new motion or proposition shall be admitted, under color of amendment, as a substitute for the motion or proposition under debate.

21. When a motion has been once made and carried in the affirmative or negative, it shall be in order for any member of the majority to move a reconsideration thereof, on the same or next day.

22. No member shall absent himself from the service of the Convention unless he has leave, or be sick and unable to attend.

23. The President shall, at his discretion, select suitable seats without the limit of those pews allotted for the use of members, which shall be appropriated to the exclusive accommodation of visiting clergymen and candidates for orders, who may be invited by the rector or wardens of the church in which the meetings of the Convention are held, under the direction of the President of the Convention ; it being expected that those to whom such seats are appropriated will confine themselves to the same.

24. No spectator shall during the daily sessions of the Convention, be admitted above or within the pews allotted to the members of the Convention, and it is expected and hoped that not only the spectators will attend to this regulation, but that the rector and wardens of the church in which the sessions of the Convention are held will see that this rule of order is not violated.

25. There shall, on the *second* day of the Convention, be appointed by the President, unless otherwise directed by the Convention, the following standing committees, to consist of an equal number of each order :

A committee on the state of the Church, to whom shall be referred the Addresses of the Bishop and Assistant Bishop, on the opening of the Convention.

A committee on the Fund for the support of Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen.

A committee on the Episcopal Fund.

A committee on the accounts of the Treasurer of the Missionary Society.

A committee on Parochial Reports.

A committee on the Admission of New Parishes.

A committee of Elections.

A committee of Finance, consisting of laymen.

26. The credentials of the Lay Delegates shall be handed in to the Secretary, and be referred to a committee of one clerical and two lay members, which shall report who are entitled to seats in the Convention : and if there is any doubt as to the right of any delegate to his seat, the same shall be referred to the Committee of Elections, to be by the said committee forthwith examined into and reported upon to the Convention.

27. When three members require it, the vote on all questions shall be by ayes and noes

28. None of the Rules of Order shall be suspended without the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present.

29. The business first in order, after the organization of the Convention, shall be the appointment of a Treasurer *pro tem.*, when the Treasurer is not a member of the Convention ; reading of the Pastoral Addresses ; the proceedings of the Standing Committee ; and Parochial Reports.

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**NORFOLK, MAY 17, 1848.**

This being the day appointed, by the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Virginia, for the meeting of the Annual Convention of the said Diocese the Right Reverend the Assistant Bishop, together with a number of the Clergy and Laity, assembled in Christ Church, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Mr. KINCKLE, assisted by the Rev. Dr. JONES; the Ante Communion Service by the Rev. Dr. MCGUIRE; and the Convention Sermon preached by the Right Reverend the Assistant Bishop:

After which, an adjournment was made to the Lecture Room of the Church, and the roll of the Clergy, entitled to seats, being called, the following were found to be present:

**RT. REV. WM. MEADE, D. D.**

**RT. REV. JOHN JOHNS, D. D.**

<b>Rev. G. ADIE,</b>	<b>" C. B. DANA,</b>
<b>" C. W. ANDREWS,</b>	<b>" H. M. DENISON,</b>
<b>" WM. ARMSTRONG,</b>	<b>" WM. DUVAL,</b>
<b>" P. F. BERKELEY,</b>	<b>" JOSEPH EARNEST,</b>
<b>" W. V. BOWERS,</b>	<b>" WM. FRIEND,</b>
<b>" J. M. BANISTER,</b>	<b>" F. D. GOODWIN,</b>
<b>" R. T. BROWN,</b>	<b>" JOHN GRAMMAR,</b>
<b>" WM. F. BRYANT,</b>	<b>" C. J. GIBSON,</b>
<b>" T. T. CASTLEMAN,</b>	<b>" W. H. GOOD,</b>
<b>" D. CALDWELL,</b>	<b>" WM. HODGES,</b>
<b>" G. D. CUMMINS,</b>	<b>" J. F. HOFF,</b>
<b>" JAMES CHISHOLM,</b>	<b>" WM. M. JACKSON,</b>
<b>" JOHN COLE,</b>	<b>" ALEX. JONES, D. D.</b>
<b>" G. S. CARRAWAY,</b>	<b>" W. G. H. JONES,</b>



" WM. H. KINCKLE,	" NELSON SALE,
" O. A. KINSOLVING,	" H. STRINGFELLOW,
" WM. T. LEAVELL,	" GEO. A. SMITH,
" WM. F. LOCKWOOD,	" D. FRANCIS SPRIGG,
" CHARLES MANN,	" WM. SPARROW, D. D.,
" R. K. MEADE,	" H. W. L. TEMPLE,
" JAMES D. McCABE,	" JOHN TOWLES,
" JOHN C. McCABE,	" A. B. TIZZARD.
" E. C. McGUIRE, D. D.,	" J. UFFORD,
" J. P. McGUIRE,	" D. M. WHARTON,
" F. H. McGUIRE,	" J. H. WINGFIELD,
" E. B. McGUIRE,	" GEORGE WOODBRIDGE,
" WM. McGUIRE,	" J. P. B. WILMER,
" W. C. MEREDITH,	" LEWIS WALKER.
" ROBERT NELSON,	" WELLINGTON WEBB,
" G. H. NORTON,	" C. WALKER,
" JOSEPH PACKARD,	" AMBLER WEED,
" E. T. PERKINS,	" F. M. WHITTLE.

The Rev. C. MANN, DR. W. H. CLAGGETT and E. T. TAYLOR were appointed a Committee to examine the certificates of Lay Delegates, who reported that the following gentlemen had been duly chosen by their respective vestries : viz :

Antrim, Halifax.—Charles H. Cabaniss.  
 Christ Church, Lancaster—John Chewing.  
 Christ Church, Millwood—Dr. Wm. Nelson.  
 Christ Church, Winchester—Philip Williams.  
 Christ Church, Norfolk city—Wm. H. Thompson.  
 Christ Church, Charlottesville—Charles J. Meriwether.  
 Christ Church, Smithfield, Isle of Wight county—Jas. H. Tucker.  
 Christ Church, Alexandria—Cassius F. Lee.  
 Grace Church, Rockbridge—Charles A. Rose,  
 Grace Church, Genito, Powhatan—James M. Harris.  
 Grace Church, Caroline—George G. Butler.  
 Leeds, Fauquier—Thomas M. Ambler.  
 Lynhaven, Princess Ann—Thurmer Hoggard.  
 Lyttleton, Cumberland—Nelson Page.  
 Meade Parish, Fauquier—Dr. J. R. Edmunda.  
 Monumental Church, Richmond—John A. Smith.  
 Meherin, Greenville—Edmund Mason.  
 Norborne, Berkeley—Edmund P. Hunter.  
 Russell Parish, Bedford—William M. Blackford.  
 Sapony, Bath, Dinwiddie—Samuel Pryor.  
 Sappona, Chesterfield—H. Tatum.

South Farnham, Essex—Meriwether Lewis.  
 St. Andrew's, Brunswick—John R. Jones.  
 St. George's, Fredericksburg—Wm. Pollock.  
 St. James' Church, Culpeper—Richard H. Cunningham.  
 St. James' Church, Leesburg—Thomas H. Claggett.  
 St. James', Richmond—Wm. M. Harrison.  
 St. James', Mecklenburg—Wm. O. Goode.  
 St. James' Northam, Goochland and Fluvanna—Wm. Galt.  
 St. John's, King George—Edward T. Tayloe.  
 St. John's, Spottsylvania—James R. Holliday.  
 St. Marks, Botetourt, Roanoke county—George P. Tayloe.  
 St. Martin's, Hanover—Edmund Fontaine.  
 St. Matthew's, Wheeling—Andrew P. Woods.  
 St. Paul's, Richmond—Wm. Williams.  
 St. Paul's Church, Nansemond—Joseph Prentice.  
 St. Paul's, Hanover—Geo. W. Bassett.  
 St. Paul's Church, Alexandria—Wm. H. Fowle.  
 St. Paul's, Norfolk—Dr. A. M. Cooke.  
 St. Paul's Church, Lynchburg—Samuel W. Shelton.  
 St. Paul's, Cumberland—Roger B. Atkinson.  
 St. Peters', Port Royal—Charles Urquhart.  
 St. Peter's, New Kent—Francis Nelson.  
 St. Stephen's, Fauquier—C. J. Stovin.  
 St. Stephen's, Bedford—Edward S. Hutter.  
 St. Stephen's Church, Culpeper—Jeremiah Morton.  
 St. Thomas', Orange—Anthony Twyman.  
 Trinity, Botetourt—Walter H. Taylor.  
 Trinity Church, Shepherdstown—Tazewell Taylor.  
 Trinity, Staunton, Augusta—B. B. Minor.  
 Trinity, Portsmouth—Holt Wilson.  
 Wickliffe, Clarke—John S. Millson.  
 Westover Parish, Charles City county—Austin H. Ferguson.  
 York Hampton, York Town—Charles J. Fox.  
 Zion Church, Jefferson—Edward Colston.  
 Fall's Church, Fairfax—Samuel R. Slack.

The Rules of Order of the last Convention were then read, and, on motion, were adopted for the government of the present.

On motion, Clergymen of other Dioceses, and of this Diocese, not entitled to seats, and Students of the Theological Seminary, were invited within the bar of the Convention.

On motion, WM. H. FOWLE was appointed Treasurer, *pro tem.*, in the absence of the Treasurer.

At the instance of the Secretary, EDWARD T. TAYLOR was appointed Assistant Secretary, *pro tem.*

The Convention then adjourned, until to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock.

THURSDAY, MAY 18, 1848.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment and was opened with prayer by the Right Reverend the Assistant Bishop. The Right Reverend the Bishop of the Diocese took the chair and the journal of yesterday's proceedings was read.

The Rev. Messrs. THOMAS E. LOCKE, E. BOYDEN and N. A. OKESON appeared and took their seats.

The certificates of the following Lay Delegates, not present yesterday, were presented, referred to the special committee, and found to be in due form:

Bruton Parish, Williamsburg—Goodrich Durfey.

St. John's, Richmond—George M. Carrington.

Grub Hill Church, Raleigh Parish—Thos Meaux.

St. James', Powhatan—Thomas L. Hobson.

St. John's, Chuckatuck, Nansemond—Dr. Wm. Shepherd.

St. Paul's Church, Petersburg—John Rowlett.

St. Thomas' Church, Frederick county—Charles E. Ambler.

The Reports of the Right Reverend the Bishop and Assistant Bishops, were then read.

### REPORT OF BISHOP MEADE.

*Dear Brethren of the Clergy and Laity.*—Through the unmerited goodness of God, I am permitted to meet you once more, and report some Episcopal services during the past year.

Immediately after the rising of the last Convention, I commenced a visitation, and, in passing on to the field of labor, spent part of a day and night at Harrisonburg, and baptized two children in the family in which I tarried. We have some members and friends of our Church in and around Harrisonburg, who would gladly have occasional services there; and I hope the time is not far distant, when they will be gratified. Passing through New Glasgow, I attended Divine Service there and made an address after a sermon by my son. Spending a night at Amherst Court House, I was pleased to find that there was a determination to have an Episcopal Church erected at that place during the present year. My appointed services commenced at Lynchburg, where I admitted the Rev. Mr. Kinsolving to the Priesthood, and Mr. John A. Wharton to the office of Sub-Deacon. I also confirmed three persons in that place and baptized a child of the Minister of the congregation, the Rev. Mr. Kinckle. In Campbell county, in one of the congregations of the Rev. Mr. Tompkins, I confirmed four persons, all of them the children and grand children of a venerable old Mother in Israel, over whose remains, with a good conscience, I had preached a funeral sermon about thirty-five years before—all who were then present feeling that one of God's purest saints had been taken from them. Who can doubt but that the prayers, instructions and example of old Mrs. Withers, of Fauquier, in the hands of God, were in some measure instrumental in leading the hearts of her descendants, even at this distant day, to the choice of that wise part which shall not be taken away from them. My next visit was to Pittsylvania Court House, where no confirmation was called for, and all that I was able to do was to make an address after a sermon from the Rev. Mr. Dame. Sickness prevented my proceeding to Franklin Court House. In Henry, I spent two days, where I consecrated a Church and confirmed three persons. I spent two days also at Danville and confirmed two persons. I spent four days in Halifax, holding services in the congregations of Rev. Messrs. Grammar and Clark, confirming five persons and consecrating a new Church. I next visited Clarksville and St. Luke's Church, south of the Roanoke, in Mecklenburg county, also Boydton, in the same county, where I confirmed three. At St. Andrew's, in the same county, I addressed the servants at some length, it being the Sabbath day and many being present. At St. John's Church, Lunenburg, one was confirmed.—Services were also held at Brunswick Court House, at Wilkin's Chapel and Sapony Church: at the latter place two were confirmed. A Sabbath was spent at the new Church at Dinwiddie Court House, where, in the afternoon, there was a full attendance on the part of the servants, who were addressed by the Ministers present. Two days

were then given to the congregation at Fork Church, Hanover county, where two persons were confirmed. A few days after this, I reached Alexandria, and spent some days in the performance of the duties required by the Seminary at that season. After the close of the examination of the Students, I admitted to the order of Deacons, Mr. W. F. Bryant, R. A. Cobbs, W. McGuire, J. P. Hammond, F. M. Whittle, W. C. Stout and E. T. Perkins; my brother, the Bishop of Alabama, preaching on the occasion. Two persons were also confirmed in Christ Church, during my visit to Alexandria. On my way home, I spent a day in Middleburg and confirmed one person. In the month of August, I spent two days in the congregation at Fauquier, under the care of the Rev. Mr. Pendleton, and confirmed seven persons. In September, I confirmed one person at the Church near my residence in Clarke county, also admitted Mr. R. D. Dwyer to the order of Deacon. Of the transactions at the General Convention, to which I went in October, I need say nothing, as they were so fully spread before the public in the religious papers at the time. After the duties of that body were over, I went to Norfolk, where I found a very encouraging state of things in both of the congregations of that place. Eighteen persons were confirmed in St. Paul's and twenty-three in Christ Church. I also confirmed one in Portsmouth.—While in Norfolk, I admitted the Rev. Mr. Downing to Priest's orders, and Mr. John C. McCabe to Deacon's orders. From Norfolk I crossed over to the Eastern shore, and spent two weeks in the congregations of Northampton and Accomac, confirming nine persons and admitting the Rev. Mr. Weed to Priest's orders. Unable to cross the bay at the time appointed, by reason of the weather, I was prevented from fulfilling appointments made at Hampton and Old Point. Two days were now given to Suffolk, where two persons were confirmed; one at the Church at Chuckatuck; two at Smithfield. Services were also held at old Surry Church, and Surry Court House: at the latter place, there being no minister, I baptised four children. In Prince George, I spent four days, one at Old Brandon Church, two at Merchant's Hope, and one at City Point, confirming three persons. In Petersburg, I confirmed fourteen persons in Grace Church, and four in St. Paul's; also admitted Dr. Wade, of Henry county, to Deacon's orders. Passing through Alexandria on my way home, it being now near Christmas, I spent a Sabbath at the Seminary and High School, addressing the students of each institution. After spending the remainder of the Winter and a part of the Spring at home, I repaired to my accustomed duties at the Seminary, which were not completed when it became necessary for me to set out for our present Convention. Previous to entering on those duties, I spent a Sabbath at Little Fall's Church near the Seminary, in the county of Fairfax, where two persons were confirmed. During the period of my services there, I confirmed eleven persons at the Chapel of the Seminary, three of whom were youths from the High School, the rest from the place and neighborhood around. I also admitted to the Priesthood the Rev. Mr. Hening, one of our Missionaries to Africa, who is now in this country. One Sabbath was spent in Christ Church, Alexandria, where

eight persons were confirmed, amongst them an African, who accompanied Mr. Hening to this country, and is receiving private instructions from some of the students of the Seminary, during Mr. Hening's continuance here. His humble and correct deportment in all respects has secured him the confidence of those who have the best opportunity of observing him, and encourage the hope that he will return to his own country prepared to be a still more effectual assistant to our Missionaries.

Having concluded the statement of duties performed, let me remark, that for the sake of brevity, I have omitted to mention the many and most acceptable services which were rendered by my brethren who came to my help in all the congregations which were visited, being able only in a few words to testify to the truth of their faithful discourses, and invoke God's blessing on the same.

In addition to the above mentioned services, performed during the visitations of the past year, I have to report that the Rev. Mr. Smith, our former missionary to Africa, who is now residing in Western New York, has received letters dimissory to that Diocese; the Rev. Mr. Thompson to Pennsylvania; the Rev. Mr. Berger and the Rev. Mr. Flower to Maryland. I have received, by letters dimissory from Maryland, the Rev. Mr. Hoffman and the Rev. Mr. Cumming. The names of those who have been admitted as candidates for the ministry are as follows: Theodore F. Romney, Patrick Gibson Roberts, Edward C. Drew, Charles Callaway, Joseph H. Terry, John Campbell White, Lewis P. Clover.

Most sincerely do I regret the painful necessity of communicating to the Convention an act of discipline recently performed on an offending Deacon of our Church; and, as it is the first, so I hope it may be the last, during my Episcopate. The Rev. Mr. Dwyer, who was admitted to Deacon's orders during the last summer, having been charged with acts affecting his character for veracity and honesty in pecuniary transactions, and having been regularly tried, and found guilty, has been degraded from the sacred ministry.

From this painful subject I turn in order to advert very briefly to two or three of a different character.

In my visits during the last Autumn and present Spring to the High School and Seminary, I saw much to encourage our hearts in the belief, that these institutions will continue to be great blessings to our Church and country. As to the former, if entire devotion of time and labor, and watchful care on the part of the Principal—if a deep interest in the happiness and welfare of the pupils—can, with the Divine blessing, ensure ample success, that success may confidently be expected under its present conduct. Each year witnesses an increase of its numbers, and bears testimony to the fidelity of its administration. If parents would be wise and consult the present and eternal welfare of their children, and faithfully co-operate with those into whose hands they are committed, then will all our hopes and expectations from the High School be realized.

As to our Theological Seminary, though the number of our students is not so great as it has been during a few more favored years of its

existence yet I have never been more gratified with any previous accounts of the zealous and active piety of its inmates. The poor in the country around, whether bond or free, are the objects of their pious and laborious care. The Sunday Schools for children, far and near, never ask their aid in vain. Societies among themselves for promoting personal piety and cherishing an ardent zeal in the Missionary cause are duly attended to, and the hearts of a goodly number of them burn with an holy desire to go forth to the work as soon as Providence may direct. Besides the interesting fact already mentioned, that a young and most promising African is receiving private instruction from some of them, it may be added, that a young German, who has renounced Judaism, is also in their midst, and it is fondly hoped that, by God's blessing on the instructions now afforded, he may be prepared to preach the blessed Gospel to his own people who have not hitherto received it.

It is gratifying to him who makes this report, and will I know be gratifying to those who hear it, to learn that the appeal made for an increase of the funds of the Seminary, during the past year, has met with a favorable response from the members and friends of the Church in Virginia, as the report of our treasurer will show. If the instalments shall be punctually paid, in a few years, we shall experience very sensible relief from a burthen of care, which has hitherto pressed very heavily on those most engaged in attending to the pecuniary concerns of the Institution.

To one other subject let me call you especial attention. The editorial care of the Southern Churchman, our Diocesan paper, has recently, as you all know, been transferred to another. The Reverend George A. Smith, one of our most esteemed Ministers, has undertaken the charge of it, in the confident hope that the Ministers and members of the Church in Virginia will not withhold their active co-operation, in order that it may fully answer the object of its first establishment. Those who have long known, and those who best know, Mr. Smith, will need nothing to induce a sure confidence in his disposition and ability to conduct it in such a manner as to give satisfaction to the Church of Virginia. But it is proper that all of us should know that the number of its subscribers is small, and must be greatly increased in order to its continuance. If all of the Ministers and some of the lay-members of the Church will only take a little pains in the several parishes to promote the circulation of our Diocesan journal, I doubt not but the object which we seek will be accomplished.

The continuance and increase of my bodily infirmities still disabling me from the performance of pulpit duties, when visiting from parish to parish, I feel bound to seek in some other way to compensate for this lack of service, as God may permit, and therefore have for some years occupied myself, during such part of the winter as is spent at home, and which is the only period of the year when I am capable of it, in preparing something which my brethren of the Clergy and Laity may read, and which by God's blessing may not be altogether useless. During a part of the last winter, I employed myself in preparing a charge to the clergy, as required by the canon, and which but for

unexpected delay in passing through the press would have been in their possession some time since. It has however probably reached many of them before setting out for this Convention. And as there is not a topic considered in it which does not also interest the lay-members of the Church, copies have been transmitted to a few of them also. The remaining copies are at the disposal of the members of the Convention, if they shall deem them worthy of being taken home and distributed.

In the present state of our country, of the Church, and of the world, how can a Bishop, in addressing even a few words to such an assembly as this, refrain, without offering violence to his feelings, from alluding to that most unexampled state, and urging a more than ordinary resort to prayer? The Church of God in all its branches and all the nations of Christendom are greatly moved. Those who are most learned in the whole past history of man do not now attempt to reason from the past to the future, so as to form any conjecture what shall be, from what has been. The fond hopes of a speedy approach of millennial peace and happiness can only be cherished in connexion with the fulfilment of dark prophecies concerning attendant or preceding and dreadful commotions. It becomes us at this juncture then to stand still and see the salvation of the Lord, and yet not idly folding our arms and lifting up no banner against the tide of licentiousness, heresy, infidelity and lawlessness, which seems to threaten much that has been held sure and sacred and permanent. While trusting in God and believing that all will terminate in good, we must make use of mighty prayer and put on the whole armor of God, and thus stand, contending for the faith, and if needs be dying where we stand, assured that the victory will be the Lord's. By means of the mighty power of steam & the yet mightier power of electricity the world seems as it were, about to become as one people, dwelling in one place; and who knows but, in its daring, it may attempt to build another Babel, only more intellectual in its character and therefore more offensive to God, which may bring him down to earth once more, to demolish all the proud edifices of man's erection, and establish the mountain of the Lord's house upon the top of all other mountains.—Whatever, brethren and friends, may be the character and duration of the conflicts which are now going on, may all of us be found among the faithful on the Lord's side.

So prays your friend and brother in Christ,

WILLIAM MEADE.

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#### BISHOP JOHN'S REPORT.

Immediately after the adjournment of the Convention at Winchester, I returned to Richmond, to make necessary arrangements for visiting the Churches on the Ohio and Kanawha rivers.

May 30—I preached in St. James' Church, Richmond,

June 5—I left home for the West, via Baltimore.

June 6—Preached in Christ Church, Baltimore, in the morning and at night.



June 7—Proceeded, by the way of Cumberland and Brownsville, to Pittsburg, and, descending the Ohio, reached Wellsburg on the evening of the ninth.

June 10—Preached in Christ Church, Wellsburg, morning and night, and confirmed three persons.

June 11—Preached in St. John's, Brooke county, and confirmed two. The same evening, accompanied by the Rev. Mr. Armstrong, I proceeded to Wheeling.

June 12—Preached in St. Mathew's, Wheeling.

June 13—Preached in the same Church, morning and night, and confirmed nineteen persons.

June 14—The Rev. Mr. Armstrong and myself took a boat at 9 P. M., and reached Parkersburg the next morning by seven.

The Church in this place had been vacant for some months, but the fruit of the untiring labors of its lamented Rector was not lost. I found the appropriate building, for the erection of which he exerted himself so zealously, very nearly finished; and a spirit, on the part of the people, which promised its early completion, as a becoming expression of their interest in the good cause, to which it is to be dedicated and an affecting monument of their Minister, whose mortal remains are entombed at its entrance, within its tower. The congregation, which he had been instrumental in gathering, was neither dispersed nor diminished by his removal. The training which they had enjoyed had attached them, intelligently, to the Church of their own choice, and they continued in the same doctrine and fellowship, worshipping together in a room, fitted up for the purpose, and availing themselves of a Lay Reader, as provided for by the canons.

June 15—I preached for this congregation.

June 16—Again, morning and night.

June 17—In the morning, I baptized two adults. The Rev. Dr. Brooke, of Cincinnati, who kindly joined us here, preached and I confirmed nine persons. In the afternoon, the Rev. Mr. Armstrong baptized twelve infants. The same night I preached. For these services, the Methodist Church was courteously lent to us. The three days passed at Parkersburg deepened my impression of its importance as a radiating point for Missionary operation, and as an eligible location for an Institution of learning, similar to our High School, near Alexandria. The two schemes might well be combined for the present, and if suitable men could be found for conducting the enterprise, I have the assurance that other means may be commanded.—Since my visit, the congregation have secured the services of the Rev. Mr. Perkins, of the last class of our Diocesan Seminary, and I trust, by the blessing of God on his ministrations, the way will be more fully prepared for the plan to which I have alluded.

June 18—Was occupied in passing to Point Pleasant, where we were met by the Rev. Mr. Nash.

June 19—I preached at Point Pleasant, and in the afternoon rode to the vicinity of the Church at Mercer's Bottom.

June 30—I preached in Bruce Chapel—returned the same afternoon to Point Pleasant, and at night baptized two infants and preached.

These two Missionary stations, within 8 miles of each other, have for some time been without a Minister. The people at both points expressed a solicitude to be supplied. We have not yet been able to gratify their desire. Could a faithful laborer be procured for this field, I doubt not he would find it susceptible of very encouraging improvement; meanwhile, we must hope that the occasional services, which the Ministers of Kanawha and Wood counties may be able to render, will at least keep alive the interest, until a suitable Missionary be obtained.

June 21—Accompanied by the Rev. Mr. Nash, I rode 21 miles up the east bank of the Kanawha to Buffalo, and preached there in the afternoon. Although the members of our Church here are few, they hope not to be neglected, and think, that in the community around them, there exists a favorable feeling in reference to our services which should not be overlooked.

June 23—I preached in Teas' Valley and confirmed three persons. The building in which these services were conducted was once a Still House. It is now answering a better purpose. The congregation assembling here have become so numerous as to be encouraged in undertaking to provide for themselves a commodious edifice. The beautiful site selected was pointed out to me, and I trust, on the next Episcopal visitation, a Church there will be ready for consecration.

June 24—At Coalsmouth, I consecrated St. Mark's Church.—The sentence and service were read by the Rector, the Rev. Mr. Nash. I preached and confirmed two persons. The Rev. Mr. Armstrong, who much to my gratification accompanied me from Wheeling, was present, but was prevented by indisposition from taking part in the officers.

St. Mark's Church is of brick, built after a good model, and is not only convenient for the services of religion, but attractive to the traveller's eye, in passing that portion of the rich and beautiful valley of the Kanawha.

June 25—I preached in St. John's, Charleston.

June 26—I preached in St. Luke's, Salines.

June 27—In the morning, I preached in St. John's, Charleston, and confirmed eight; at night, I preached again in the same Church.

This congregation and that at the Salines are now vacant, by the resignation of their esteemed Rector, the Rev. H. W. Ward. The Rev. Mr. Nash, under these circumstances, has kindly officiated for them in the services preparatory to confirmation, and in this, and other ways, contributed much to promote the objects of my visit. These congregations, as stated in the official report, have since obtained the services of the Rev. Mr. Whittle, of the last class of our Diocesan Seminary, and the prospects of the Church in that region were never more promising.

June 28—I left Charleston at an early hour, in the stage, to cross the mountains to Staunton, the place of my next appointment, and after riding, with scarcely an interval, until 9 o'clock of the night of the next day, I reached the White Sulphur Springs, Greenbrier coun-

ty. The services in which I had been engaged, the heat of the previous day, and the fatigue of the tedious ride, so affected my system, that I retired to my room with little hope of being able to reach Staunton, in time to meet my appointments. The next day I was incapable of travelling, but, by a second night's rest, I became sufficiently recruited to resume my journey.

July 4—I preached in Trinity Church, Staunton, in the morning, and confirmed five persons. I preached again, at night.

In the afternoon, I had the opportunity of attending the Chapel of the Asylum for the Insane, of which Dr. F. T. Stribling is the physician and superintendent. I cannot refrain from recording the great satisfaction which I experienced in beholding the admirable arrangements for the physical well being of the inmates, and the judicious provision for affording them, as far as they could receive, the salutary and tranquilizing influence of our Holy Religion. The services were short, and a more composed, attentive and apparently interested audience, I have rarely witnessed. The Gospel, which by its action on the instinct of benevolence, originated these noble Institutions, appears of late to have baptized them with more of its own peculiar influence, constituting them, at once, Asylums for the relief of both soul and body; and may they ever largely subserve this combined object.

July 6—I reached Richmond and I trust not without gratitude for the good Providence, by which, during this long visitation, of much exposure, I had been preserved from seen and unseen dangers.

July 9—I preached at the Alms House, one of the places at which the Rev. Mr. Duval, our City Missionary, regularly officiates.

The same evening I baptized two children.

July 13—I went to Alexandria, and during several successive days, was engaged in attending the examination at the Seminary, and visiting the High School, both which Institutions are so well conducted as to be entitled to the entire confidence and liberal patronage of the Diocese.

July 14—In Christ Church, Alexandria, I addressed the congregation on the subject of Missions, the Ministers appointed for this purpose having been prevented from attending.

July 18—I preached in St. James' parish, West River, Maryland.

July 25—I preached in St. Paul's, Richmond.

August 1—At the White Sulphur Springs, Greenbrier county, the Bishop of Tennessee read prayers and I preached, morning and night.

August 8—At the same place, I read prayers and the Bishop of Tennessee preached.

August 15—In the morning, I preached at Union, Monroe county, in the Baptist Church, which was kindly lent to us. At night I preached at the Salt Sulphur Springs.

August 16—At the residence of Mr. Alexander, in Union, I confirmed one person and baptized an infant.

August 22—I preached at the Sweet Springs.

August 23—I proceeded to Fincastle to enter upon a series of ser-

VICES which I had appointed for the Churches, in that part of the Valley.

August 24, 25 and 26—I preached in the Church at Fincastle.

August 28—I preached in the Brick Church, in Roanoke.

August 29—I preached in the same Church, and confirmed two persons.

August 31—In the morning, I preached in Trinity Church, Buchanan, and at night, after a sermon by the Rev. G. T. Wilmer, I again addressed the congregation.

September 2—I preached, morning and night, in Grace Church, Lexington, and confirmed three persons.

September 5—I preached in the morning, in Trinity Church, Staunton, confirmed one person, and united with the Rector in the administration of the Lord's Supper. In the afternoon, I baptized an infant and preached again at night.

September 26—I preached in St. Paul's, Richmond.

September 29—I left home to attend the General Convention.

October 3—I preached in the Church of the Epiphany, Philadelphia.

During the Session of the General Convention, I officiated as follows :

October 10—In the morning, I preached in Christ Church, Brooklyn. In the afternoon, in St. Bartholomew's, New York.

October 17—In the morning, I preached in St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn—and at night in the Church of the Ascension, New York.

October 21—I addressed a Missionary meeting in St. Bartholomew's Church.

October 24—In the morning, I preached in St. Peter's, New York, and, in the afternoon, in the Church of the Holy Trinity, Brooklyn.

October 31—I preached, morning and night, in Christ Church, Baltimore.

November 10—I commenced a visitation of the Churches on the River, above Richmond, beginning this day with St. Luke's, Powhatan. A very heavy rain prevented the congregation from assembling. I found no one at the Church.

November 11—I consecrated Immanuel Church, Powhatan. The sentence was read by the Rev. Mr. Fisher; prayers by the Rev. Mr. Meredith; and the lessons by the Rev. Mr. Walker; sermon by myself. The Rev. Messrs. J. P. B. Wilmer, Webb and Tizzard, were present.

Immanuel Church is a brick building, stuccoed, of the Gothic order, highly creditable to the good taste and liberality of those by whom it has been erected. This is the second Church, which, in little more than two years, I have been called to consecrate within the bounds of this parish; both paid for, and all without soliciting aid from others. This is as it oftener should be, and deserves to be recorded as worthy of imitation.

November 12—I preached in St. James', Cumberland.

November 14—I preached in St. Peter's, Curdsville, and confirmed eight persons.

November 15—I preached at Buckingham Court House.

November 16—I preached in Grace Church, Cumberland, and confirmed two persons.

November 18—I preached in the Church at Columbia, and confirmed one person.

November 20—I preached in St. Paul's, Goochland.

November 21—I preached again, at the same Church.

November 22—In Beaver Dam Church, I admitted the Rev. Mr. Webb to Priest's orders; sermon by the Rev. J. P. B. Wilmer; exhortation by myself. The Rev. Messrs. Wilmer and Fisher united in the imposition of hands. On the same occasion, I addressed the congregation on the subject of confirmation and administered the rite to four persons.

November 28—I preached at the Armory, Richmond, a station at which our City Missionary officiates.

December 5—I preached in St. Paul's, Richmond

December 12—I preached in the Monumental Church.

December 15—I officiated in St. Paul's Lecture Room.

In consequence of a joint and earnest request, from the Rectors of the Churches in Norfolk, founded on the deep interest on the subject of religion then pervading their congregations, and evinced by the fact, that, though a confirmation had been held there so recently by Bishop Meade, there were many others desirous to renew their baptismal vows, I made a special visit to those Churches, and rejoiced to find them in so prosperous a state.

December 19—I officiated, at night, in the Lecture Room of Christ Church.

December 20—In the morning, I preached in St. Paul's, and confirmed twenty-one persons; at night, I preached in Christ Church, and confirmed sixteen persons.

On Christmas Day—I preached in the Monumental Church.

December 29—I officiated in the Lecture Room, of St. Paul's, Richmond.

January 2. 1848.—I preached in St. Paul's.

January 4—In the same Church, I preached the Funeral Sermon of Mrs. S. C. Stevenson, a lady distinguished for her intelligence and piety, who, notwithstanding her exposure at our own metropolis, and subsequently at the Court of St. James held fast her Christian confidence to the end, and, by the lovely consistency of her life, adorned the Gospel which she professed, and commended it to others with the happiest effect, both by word and deed.

January 9—In St. Paul's, I assisted in the Morning Service, and delivered a Missionary address. In the afternoon, I preached at the Armory.

January 23—I preached in the Monumental Church, in the morning, and, in the afternoon, at the Armory.

January 30—I preached in the Church of the colored people.

February 6—In the morning, I preached in St. John's Richmond, and, in the afternoon, in the Armory.

February 13—I preached in St. Paul's, Richmond, and confirmed

thirteen persons. In the afternoon, I read prayers at the Armory, and he R-v. Mr. Norwood preached.

February 29—I preached in St. James' Church.

February 27—I addressed the congregation of colored people, in their Church.

March 5—I read prayers and assisted in the administration of the Lord's Supper in the Monumental Church. At night, I preached in St. Paul's.

March 8—Ash Wednesday, I addressed the congregation in St. Paul's, after a sermon by the Rev. Mr. Thackara, and at night officiated in the Lecture Room.

March 12—I preached in the old Church, Hanover, and confirmed one person.

March 17—I lectured in St. James' Church, Richmond.

March 24—I lectured in the same Church.

March 26—I preached in the Monumental Church, and confirmed five persons, two of whom were from Christ Church, Mathew's county.

March 31—I lectured in St. James' Church, Richmond.

April 2—I preached in St. John's, Richmond, and confirmed seven persons.

April 7—I lectured in St. James' Church, Richmond.

April 8—I preached in St. Paul's, Hanover.

April 9—I preached in the same Church, and confirmed one person, and united with the Rector in the administration of the Lord's Supper.

April 14—I lectured in St. James', Richmond.

April 16—I preached in the same Church, and confirmed six persons.

On the Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday before Easter, I attended service in the several Churches in Richmond, and on each occasion addressed the congregation.

On Good Friday,—I officiated at St. James', Richmond.

On Easter Day—I preached in Grace Church, Petersburg, and confirmed ten persons. At night, I preached in St. Paul's, and confirmed ten persons.

Monday in Easter week—In St. Paul's, Petersburg, I admitted the Rev. Henry M. Denison and the Rev. J. Monroe Banister to Priest's orders. The service was read by the Rev. C. J. Gibson; sermon by the Rev. J. H. Morrison; candidates presented by the Rev. P. Slaughter. The clergy named, together with the Rev. E. Withers and the Rev. James D. McCabe, united in the imposition of hands.

April 25—Preached in the Church at City Point, and confirmed two persons.

April 30—Preached at Beaver Dam Church, Goochland. In this Church, which, a short time since, was nearly in ruins, the congregation was collected by the occasional services of the Rev. J. P. B. Wilmer, and it has since had the benefit of the stated ministrations of the present Rector, the Rev. W. E. Webb, through whose labors, the congre-

gation has been much increased, the building thoroughly repaired, an organ procured and the entire services of the Church re-established, under very favorable circumstances.

May 1—I crossed the river to Powhatan, and, as my last appointment at St. Luke's was frustrated by the weather, I preached in that Church and confirmed two persons.

May 2—I preached in Grace Church, at Genito.

May 3—I preached at Grub Hill, and confirmed one person.

May 4—I preached in Sapona Church, Chesterfield, and confirmed ten persons. This congregation, which for a long time was kept alive, by the occasional services of the Rev. Mr. Berkeley, now enjoys the stated ministrations of the Rev. Mr. Tizzard, and, with its increased privileges, already exhibits decided improvement.

May 5—I preached in a building, which had been erected for the use of the people belonging to the Clover Hill Pits.

May 6—I preached in a School House, at Black Heath Pits.

The last two places are Missionary Stations, at which the Rev. Mr. Tizzard officiates, and which present strong claims upon the attention and nurture of the Church. There is reason to believe, that the services which they now receive will prepare the way for better arrangements, and that our brother, who labors so diligently at these points, will find his reward in God's blessing on his ministrations.

May 7—I read prayers and preached, in St. John's, Richmond.

May 15—in St. Paul's, Richmond, I confirmed four persons.

In the course of the visitations, thus briefly enumerated, I have met with every thing to gratify me, in the way of kind reception and facilities furnished for accomplishing the duties of my office. And, though in the condition of the Churches visited, I have observed nothing which needs more notice than has been taken, yet my impressions as to the state of the Diocese at large are such as afford cause for gratitude and encouragement.

J. JOHNS.

The Rev. Mr. DANA then read the proceedings of the Standing Committee of the Diocese, during the past Conventional year.

On motion, Resolved, That so much of the Bishop's address, as refers to the Southern Churchman, be referred to a committee, of four clergymen and three laymen, to consider the best means of promoting the usefulness and prosperity of that paper.

Whereupon, the following committee was announced:—Rev. Messrs. ANDREWS, PACKARD, CLARK and COLE, and Messrs. W. WILLIAMS, GALT and MERIWETHER.

On motion, Resolved, That the 29th Rule of Order be suspended for the present.

On motion, Resolved, That a committee, of two clergymen and three laymen, be appointed to take into consideration the propriety

of amending the 2nd article of the Constitution, so as to read as follows :

"The Convention shall be composed of the Bishop and the Assistant Bishop, if there be one, and of the officiating ministers, who now are, or may hereafter be, regularly and canonically elected in parishes, or churches within this Diocese, so long as they continue officiating in the same ; professors of the Theological Seminary of Virginia . Missionaries acting under the authority of the Bishop, and within this Diocese ; of those whom age or infirmity prevents from exercising their clerical functions ; agents for any benevolent society : Chaplains of the Army and Navy, and Literary Institutions of the State, incorporated by law ; and the Rector of the Episcopal High School, being clergymen of this church, and who are under the canonical jurisdiction of the Bishop of this Diocese, *Provided*, that no person under ecclesiastical censure or process, &c."

The following gentlemen were named as the committee :—Rev. Messrs. WM. M. JACKSON and GRAMMER, and Messrs. P. WILLIAMS, GOODE and CHEWNING.

The Right Reverend the Assistant Bishop, from the committee on the revision of the canons, made a report, which was ordered to be printed and made the special order for to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

The Rev. Mr. WOODBRIDGE presented the report of the Executive Committee, together with the Treasurer's account, of the Diocesan Missionary Society, which, on motion, was referred to the appropriate committee.

WM. WILLIAMS, Esq., presented the report of the Trustees of the Widows and Orphans' Fund, together with the Treasurer's account, which was referred to the appropriate committee.

The report of the Treasurer of the Convention was also presented and appropriately referred.

The Bishop announced the Standing Committees, as follows :

#### ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

Rev. E. C. MCGUIRE, D. D.	JOSEPH PRENTICE.
GEORGE ABIE.	EDWARD COLSTON.
CHARLES MANN.	RICHARD H. CUNNINGHAM,
WILLIAM SPARROW, D. D.	JOHN CHEWNING,
ALEXANDER JONES, D. D.	WM. SHEPHERD, M. D.

#### ON FINANCE.

WM. H. FOWLE.	THOMAS H. CLAGGETT, M.D.
GEORGE M. CARRINGTON.	CASSIUS F. LEE.



## ON EPISCOPAL FUND.

REV. GEORGE WOODBRIDGE,	CASSIUS F. LEE.
W. G. H. JONES.	THOMAS H. CLAGGETT, M.D.

ON ACCOUNTS OF THE TREASURER OF DIOCESAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

REV. P. F. BERKELEY,	SAMUEL PRYOR,
WM. FRIEND.	JOHN A. SMITH.

## ON PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

REV. WM. M. JACKSON,	WILLIAM POLLOCK,
WM. H. KINCKLE.	JOHN ROWLETT.

## ON NEW PARISHES.

REV. HORACE STRINGFELLOW,	NELSON PAGE,
T. T. CASTLEMAN,	EDMUND FONTAINE,
JOHN P. MCGUIRE.	JEREMIAH MORTON.

## ON WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND.

REV. C. B. DANA,	ROGER B. ATKINSON,
WM. V. BOWERS,	THOMAS MEAUX, M.D.
WM. ARMSTRONG.	FRANCIS NELSON.

E. P. HUNTER, ESQ., presented a petition, for a division of Norborne Parish, Berkeley, which was referred to the appropriate committee.

DR. A. T. M. COOKE presented a petition for a new Church, in Portsmouth, which, together with a counter petition, presented by HOLT WILSON, ESQ., was referred to the same committee.

THE REV. MR. DUVAL presented a petition from the Vestry of the Armory Church, Richmond, for admission into the Convention of the Diocese, which was referred.

THE READING OF THE PAROCHIAL REPORTS was then commenced.

THE REV. MR. WOODBRIDGE presented the report of the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund, which was appropriately referred.

THE READING OF THE PAROCHIAL REPORTS occupied the remainder of the session, and the Convention adjourned, until to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

FRIDAY, MAY 19, 9 A. M., 1848.

THE CONVENTION met, and was opened by prayer, by the Rt. Rev. the Assistant Bishop. The Bishop of the Diocese, took the Chair.

THE JOURNAL OF YESTERDAY'S PROCEEDINGS, was read and corrected.

The Rev. Mr. Norwood, not present yesterday, reported himself, and took his seat.

The following Lay Delegates presented their certificates of election, which being found to be in due form, they took their seats:

St. John's Church, Hampton—G. W. Temple.

Martin's Brandon Parish, Prince George—Robert Gilliam.

Grace Church, Petersburg—Charles Kent.

Christ Church, Mathews county—Henry W. Daingerfield.

Abington and Ware Parishes, Gloucester—Warner T. Taliaferro.

The Rev. WM. M. JACKSON, from the committee on Parochial Reports, presented as their report, a tabular abstract, which will be found in the usual place.

Rev. WM. M. JACKSON, from the committee to whom was referred the amendment of the Constitution, presented their report in opposition to said amendment, and a report in favor of it, by a minority of the committee.

#### REPORT OF THE MAJORITY.

The majority of the committee are of opinion, that it is inexpedient to make the alteration in the Constitution, which is proposed in the resolution submitted to us. Some of the reasons, which have brought us to this conclusion, are the following:

That those who are entrusted with the power of legislating for the Church should be so permanently connected with the Diocese, as to feel attached to it, and be especially interested in its prosperity.

That the proposed change will materially affect that equality of representation, between the clergy and laity, which we think it is important to preserve.

And as no injury, or even inconvenience, has resulted from the practical working of the Constitution as it is, we think it unwise to make a change in our organic law, unless the necessity for it is manifest.

J. GRAMMER,

P. WILLIAMS,

W. O. GOODE.

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#### REPORT OF THE MINORITY.

The minority of the committee, to whom was referred the second article of the Constitution, beg leave to report the following amendment:

"The Convention shall be composed of the Bishop and the Assistant

**Bishop**, if there be one, and of the officiating ministry who now are, or may hereafter be, regularly and canonically elected in parishes or churches within this Diocese, so long as they may continue officiating in the same; Professors of the Theological Seminary of Virginia; Missionaries acting under the authority of the Bishop, and within this Diocese; those whom age or infirmity may prevent from exercising their clerical functions; agents for any benevolent society; Chaplains of the Army and Navy, and of Literary Institutions incorporated by law, occupying their stations under the approbation of the ecclesiastical authorities of the Diocese, and also the Rector of the Episcopal High School, being clergymen of this Church, and who are under the canonical jurisdiction of the Bishop of this Diocese, *Provided, &c.*"

It will be perceived that the proposed amendment, admits to a seat in the Convention two classes of the Clergy at present excluded, viz: Chaplains of the Army and Navy, and of Literary Institutions, incorporated by Law, including the Rector of the Diocesan High School.

The minority may be allowed briefly to state the reasons, upon which they recommend that this bar of exclusion be removed.

These Clergymen are all, by the provisions of the amendment, under the canonical jurisdiction of the Bishop, amenable to the laws, interested in the legislation, and solicitous for the prosperity of the Diocese.

With a solitary exception, the Rector of the High School, they are all engaged in the appropriate functions of their ministry.

The positions which they occupy afford very favorable opportunity for advancing the interests of the Church. The congregations, for the most part, are large and interesting, and composed of classes of the community over which the Church is bound to extend her fostering care. The committee deem it important in a high degree, that these positions should be occupied, when practicable, by clergymen of the Church of decided piety and talent. By excluding such from seats in the Convention, we throw a serious impediment in the way of their acceptance of these positions.

The minority may be allowed, also, to anticipate the objection, which will probably be raised against the amendment, viz: its supposed tendency to destroy the equilibrium of power between the clergy and laity.

That such is not the case will appear from two considerations.

By the existing Article of the Constitution, there is a majority of the

**laity over the clergy in the Conventions of the Diocese. That article admits to a seat in the Convention one lay-delegate, "for each Parish or Church."** By a reference to the list of Parishes and Churches, appended to the Journal of 1847, it will be seen that we have 95 Parishes, containing upwards of 140 Churches. In a number of cases, several of these Parishes and Churches are under the pastoral care of a single Rector, and yet, each of these Churches, with a vestry of its own, is allowed a representation in the Convention.

Secondly, by the provision which already exists of voting by orders, which can always be done, when three members require it, an effectual check is provided against any undue preponderance of either branch of our ecclesiastical legislature over the other.

Upon these grounds, the minority beg to submit the proposed amendment for the consideration of the Convention.

WM. M. JACKSON.

J. CHEWNING.

On motion, the question was, after full debate, laid on the table, and referred to the next Convention, ayes 62, noes 52.

The Convention then proceeded to the consideration of the order of the day, being the Report of the Committee on the revision of the Canons.

The members of the Convention, being invited by Messrs. WM. E. CUNNINGHAM & Co., to make use of their Reading Room ;

On motion, Resolved, that the thanks of the Convention be tendered to these gentlemen for their polite attention.

At 3 P. M., the Convention took a recess, until 5 P. M.

5 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention met.

The Right Reverend the Assistant Bishop appeared and took the Chair.

On motion, Resolved, that the order of the day be postponed until 9 A. M., to-morrow.

Rev. Mr. MINNEGERODE, Rev. Mr. SLAUGHTER and Rev. Mr. MORRISON, appeared and took their seats.

The following Resolution was adopted

**Resolved**, that the Clergy of the Diocese be respectfully requested, annually, on some day most suitable in their opinion, to bring before the people of their Parishes the wants and claims of the Diocesan Missionary Society of Virginia, and take up a collection in its behalf.

The Rev. Mr. BERKELEY presented the following report :

The Committee appointed to examine the accounts of the Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Society respectfully report, that they have examined the same and find them correct.

#### **REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE DIOCESAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.**

The executive committee respectfully report, that they have contributed to the support of fourteen Missionaries, of whom one, the Rev. J. G. Downing, has removed from the Diocese, having been succeeded by the Rev. John C. McCabe.

These are the Rev. S. D. Tompkins, Campbell county ; the Rev. G. S. Carraway, Mathews & Middlesex ; the Rev. D. F. Spiga, Greenville ; Rev. James D. McCabe, Abingdon ; Rev. Wm. Duval, City of Richmond ; Rev. R. T. Brown, Jefferson ; Rev. G. W. Dame, Danville ; Rev. W. F. Bryant, Frederick ; Rev. James McElroy, Buchanan ; Rev. Ambler Weed, Accomac ; Rev. W. E. Webb, Goochland ; Rev. E. T. Perkins, Parkersburg ; Rev. Wm. F. Lockwood, Fairfax ; Rev. J. G. Downing, (succeeded by the Rev. J. C. McCabe,) Smithfield.

They have kept a full supply of prayer books in the Depository, of which 313 have been distributed. They have partially replenished their stock of tracts, of which 14,716 pages have been distributed, and also 298 copies of a tract, published by them on confirmation.— They have now in the Depository, 298 prayer books and 50,384 pages of tracts, and 1,702 copies of the tract on confirmation.

Since the last report, they have received \$1,866 63, being \$300 less than the receipts of last year, and \$870 less than the receipts of the year before. They have been obliged to curtail their appropriations during the past year for want of funds. They have not only diminished their contributions to some of the Missionaries, but they have been prevented altogether from contributing to the support of others who need assistance. It remains for the Diocese to say whether our Missions in this State shall, for the want of funds, be embarrassed and perhaps given up ; and whether we shall be prevented from entering fields which call for assistance, and where immediate aid might secure permanent results, but which neglected now may be forever lost.

To the Missionaries we have contributed during the past year \$2,013 50. They have paid for prayer books, \$61 62, for tracts, \$70 73.

There are now remaining in the treasury \$30 76; Appropriations made but not yet due \$744.

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*The Diocesan Missionary Society of Virginia, in account with William Williams, Treasurer.*

1847	Dr.	
May 21.	To cash paid draft of Rev. S. D. Tompkins, Campbell county,	\$21 00
31.	To cash remitted Rev. J. G. Downing, Smithfield,	50 00
	To cash remitted Rev. G. S. Carraway, Mathews & Middlesex counties,	37 50
	To cash remitted Rev. D. Francis Sprigg, Greenville county,	25 00
	To cash remitted Rev. James D. McCabe, Abingdon, Washington county,	50 00
	To cash remitted Rev. S. D. Tompkins, Campbell county,	16 50
July 1.	To cash paid Rev. Wm. Duval, Missionary in Richmond, from City collections,	50 00
	To cash paid Nash & Woodhouse, for Prayer Books,	12 48
15,	To cash remitted Rev. D. Francis Sprigg, Greenville county,	25 00
19.	To cash remitted Rev. J. G. Downing, Smithfield,	50 00
Aug. 7.	To cash remitted Rev. R. T. Brown, Jefferson county,	37 50
	To cash remitted Rev. James D. McCabe, Abingdon,	50 00
	To cash remitted Rev. G. S. Carraway, Mathews & Middlesex,	37 50
Sept. 17.	To cash remitted Rev. G. W. Dame, Danville,	50 00
	To cash remitted Rev. S. D. Tompkins, Campbell county,	50 00
	To cash remitted Rev. W. F. Bryant, St. Thomas' Church, Frederick county,	37 50
	To cash remitted Rev. James McElroy, Buchanan,	50 00
	To cash remitted Rev. R. T. Brown, Jefferson county,	37 50
	To cash remitted Rev. Ambler Weed, Accomac county,	50 00
	<i>To amount carried over,</i>	<hr/> \$737 48

<i>To amount brought over,</i>		\$737 43
24.	To cash remitted Rev. W. E. Webb, Goochland,	50 00
Oct. 2.	To cash paid Rev. Wm. Duval, Richmond, from City collections,	50 00
4.	To cash remitted Rev. J. G. Downing, Smithfield,	50 00
Nov. 8.	To cash paid Rev. W. Duval, Richmond, from funds collected in the City,	30 00
22.	To cash paid draft of Rev. James D. McCabe, Abingdon, Washington county,	50 00
25.	To cash paid Rev. W. Duval, Richmond, from collections in City congregations,	70 00
Dec. 21.	To cash remitted Rev. James McElroy, Buchanan,	50 00
22.	To cash remitted Rev. D. F. Sprigg, Greenville county,	37 50
27.	To cash paid draft of Rev. W. E. Webb, Goochland,	36 00
	To cash paid Rev. Ambler Weed, Accomac,	25 00
1848.		
Jan. 27.	To cash remitted Rev. E. T. Perkins, Parkersburg, Wood county,	37 50
Feb. 22.	To cash remitted Rev. Wm. F. Lockwood, Fair- fax county.	50 00
	To cash remitted Rev. S. D. Tompkins, Campbell county,	25 00
	To cash remitted Rev. R. T. Brown, Jefferson county,	75 00
	To cash remitted Rev. James D. McCabe, Abingdon,	50 00
	To cash remitted Rev. G. S. Carraway, Mathews & Middlesex,	75 00
23.	To cash paid Rev. Wm. Duval, Richmond, from City collections,	50 00
March 11.	To cash remitted James B. Dow, Boston, for Tracts ordered by Bishop Johns,	20 23
15.	To cash remitted Rev. James McElroy, Buchanan,	50 00
	To cash remitted Rev. John C. McCabe, Smithfield,	50 00
	To cash remitted Rev. W. F. Bryant, Frederick county,	37 50
	To cash remitted Rev. E. T. Perkins, Parkersburg, Wood county,	37 50
30.	To cash paid freight on Tracts from Boston,	50
April 18.	To cash paid Nash & Woodhouse for 286 Prayer Books, procured by them for the Depository,	49 14
<i>To amount carried up,</i>		<u>\$1,793 40</u>

	<i>To amount brought up,</i>	\$1,793 40
ay 1.	To cash paid Rev. Ambler Weed, Accomac county,	30 00
	To cash remitted Rev. W. F. Lockwood, Fairfax county,	50 00
	To cash remitted Rev. R. T. Brown, Jefferson county,	37 50
	To cash remitted Rev. G. S. Carraway, Mathews & Middlesex,	37 50
	To cash remitted Rev. D. Francis Sprigg, Greenville county,	37 50
2.	To cash paid Rev. James D. McCabe, Abingdon,	50 00
C.	To cash paid draft of Rev. S. D. Tompkins, Campbell county,	25 00
11.	To cash paid Shepherd & Colin for printing 2000 copies of Bishop's John's Tract on Confirmation,	50 00
13.	To cash paid Rev. Wm. Duval, Richmond, out of collections in the City Churches,	70 00
15.	Balance in the hands of the Treasurer,	60 76
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		\$2,241 66
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lay 15	By balance reported in hand to Convention in Winchester	\$435 03
18	By cash from Raleigh, Dale and Genito Parishes, by Rev. P. F. Berkeley,	9 00
20	By cash from Mrs. Major Morris, U. S. A., by Bishop Johns,	5 00
do	do Rev. C. J. Gibson, Petersburg,	5 00
do	do Zion Church, Jefferson county,	
	by Rev. A. Jones, D. D.,	21 7
do	do Antrim Parish, Halifax county, by Col. Cabanis, viz: Miss Mary Smith, \$3; Mrs. S. A. Leigh, \$2; Mrs. E. A. Clark, \$5; Mrs. Mary Beasley, \$7; Mrs. P. F. Holt, \$1; Mrs. E. S. Easley, \$4; Mrs. Eliza Bruce, \$15; C. H. Cabanis, \$2; Mrs. Richard Logar, \$5; Rev. J. Grammer, \$10; Mrs. M. E. Grammer, \$2.50; Mrs. C. Easley, \$2; Miss Martha Smith, \$2,	60 50
	By cash from St Paul's Church, Lynchburg, by Mr. Shelton,	77 20
do	do Mrs. M. J. Davis, Christ Church, Albemarle,	3 00
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	<i>By amount carried over,</i>	\$616 48



<i>By amount brought over,</i>		\$616 43
do do	M. M. Garland, Christ Church, Albemarle,	2 50
do do	Mrs. P. Minor, sr., Christ Church, Albemarle,	3 00
do do	Trinity Church, Buchanan, by Rev. J. McElroy,	6 60
By cash found in Missionary box of Rev. Wm. Bryant, dec'd.,		1 33
By cash found in little Mary Bryant's Missionary box,		09
By cash from Roanoke Parish, Halifax county,		20 00
By cash from Nelson Parish, Nelson county, by Gen. Brown,		10 00
By cash from Cumberland Parish, Lunenburg county,		9 50
By cash from Bath Parish, Dinwiddie county,		12 35
By cash from St. James' Church, Culpeper county,		3 00
By cash from Mrs. B. G., Christ Church, Middlesex county,		2 00
By cash from Mrs. J. M. S., Christ Church, Norfolk,		5 00
By cash from Ware Church, Gloucester, balance of collection taken last December,		9 50
By cash from St. Martin's Parish, Hanover,		20 00
By cash from a member of St. Thomas' Church, Orange county,		3 00
By cash from Bloomfield Parish, Orange county,		9 35
By cash from Westover Parish, Charles City county,		7 50
By cash from St. James' Parish, Mecklenburg county,		4 27
By cash from Christ Church, Alexandria,		20 00
By cash from a Lady, Grace Church, Caroline county,		2 00
By cash from the Ladies' Sewing Society of Lyttleton Parish, Cumberland county,		10 00
By cash from three little children of Lyttleton Parish, received by them for self denial during Lent,		1 50
By cash from a Lady, by Bishop Johns,		50
By cash from a collection in Christ Church, Winchester, during Convention,		140 00
June 8.	By cash from Mrs. Douglas Gordon, Fredericksburg,	10 00
	By cash from Rev. R. K. Meade, Charlottesville,	10 00
<i>By amount carried up,</i>		\$939 55

	<i>By amount brought up,</i>	\$639 55
	By cash from Christ Church, Bunker Hill, by Rev. R. T. Brown,	5 00
14	By cash from Mrs E. A. Bruce, by Rev. Wm. Norwood,	30 00
17	By cash from Mrs. M. Burwell, Botetourt, by Rev. G. T. Wilmer,	5 00
19	By cash from Hungar's Parish, Northampton coun- ty, by Mr. Wm. G. Smith,	20 00
uly 19	By cash from the Missionary Society of Enqui- ry of the Theological Seminary of Virginia,	50 00
24	By cash from collection in Lunenburg Parish, by Bishop Johns,	11 13
	By cash from collection in Cople Parish, by Bishop Johns,	11 50
	By cash from collection in Farnham Parish, by Bishop Johns,	10 18
26	By cash from sales of Bishop Meade's Pastoral letter, by Rev. George Woodbridge,	1 50
	By cash from St. Mathew's Church, Wheeling, by Bishop Johns,	66 17
	By cash from St. Mark's Church, Coalsmouth, by Bishop Johns,	10 71
	By cash from Church in Charleston, Kanawha, by Bishop Johns,	18 55
	By cash from Mrs. Ward, Charleston, Kanawha, by Bishop Johns,	5 00
	By cash from Mrs. Ward's pupils, Charleston, Kanawha, by Bishop Johns,	2 97
	By cash from Trinity Church, Staunton, by Bish- op Johns,	57 00
Aug. 11	By cash from Dr. M. Rowan, Christ Church, Middlesex,	10 00
	By cash from collections by Bishop John's at va- rious places	10 00
	By cash from sales of prayer books, by Rev. G. S. Carraway,	2 50
Sept. 4	By cash from Dabney C. T. Davis, by Rev. R. K. Meade,	2 50
	By cash from Mrs. P. Minor, sr., by Rev. R. K. Meade,	1 00
24	By cash from collections in Goochland, by Rev. W. E. Webb,	7 00
29	By cash from St. George's Church, Fredericks- burg, by Rev. E. C. McGuire,	16 00
Oct'r. 9	By cash from Mrs. James Brown, jr., Richmond, by Rev. Mr. Norwood,	2 00

*To amount carried over,*

\$1,295 26

	<i>By amount brought over,</i>	\$1,225 26
16	By cash from Mrs. Harriet Skinner, Fauquier, by Rev. G. H. Norton,	10 00
21	By cash from Christ Church, Millwood, by Dr. Randolph,	30 00
Nov'r. 1	By cash from Mrs. E. A. Bruce, St. Paul's, Rich- mond,	30 00
29	By cash from collection 25th inst., in 'St. Paul's Church, Lynchburg,	19 80
	By cash from Immanuel Church, Powhatan, by Bishop Johns,	22 13
	By cash from St. Peter's Church, Curdsville, by Bishop Johns,	25 00
	By cash from Grace Church, Cumberland, by Bishop Johns,	10 62
	By cash from Church in Columbia, by Bishop Johns,	20 56
	By cash from St. Paul's Church, Goochland, by Bishop Johns,	17 87
	By cash from Beaver Dam Church, Goochland, by Bishop Johns,	15 12
Dec. 14	By cash from Christ Church, Smithfield, by Bish- op Meade,	22 00
	By cash from Merchant's Hope, Prince George, by Bishop Meade,	18 00
31	By cash from Rev. Mr. Tizzard, for prayer books,	1 00
1848.		
Jan'y. 1	By cash from members of St. Paul's Church, Richmond, for City Missions, by Mr. Alex. McRae,	24 00
11	By cash from same for same purpose, by Mr. T. H. Ellis,	127 00
	By cash from Christ Church, Millwood, by Dr. Randolph,	5 50
18	By cash from St. John's Church, Richmond,	27 50
20	By cash from Monumental Church, Richmond, By cash from Mrs. Anne S. Niblett, by Rev. T. E. Locke,	7 50
29	By cash from St. Thomas' Church, Orange, by Rev. J. Ernest,	5 00
Feb. 21	By cash from Christ Church, Norfolk, by Bishop Johns,	20 25
March 1	By cash from St. James' Church, London, by Rev. George Adie,	200 00
10	By cash from Leeds Parish, Fauquier, by Rev. W. H. Pendleton,	46 00
26	By cash from St. Ann's and South Farnham Parishes, by Rev. J. P. McGuire,	30 00
		48 00

*By amount carried up,*

\$2,078 11

<i>By amount brought up,</i>		\$2,078 11
By cash from St. George's Church, Fredericks- burg, by Rev. E. C. McGuire,		16 50
April 15	By cash from St. Paul's Church, Hanover, by Bishop Johns,	18 55
May 2	By cash from Hungar's Parish, by Rev. J. Ufford,	30 00
	By cash from St. James Parish, Goochland and Fluvanna,	25 00
8	By cash from Mrs. E. A. Bruce, by Rev. Wm. Norwood,	30 00
9	By cash from Mr. Wm. Stevens, for prayer books,	5 00
10	By cash from members of St. Paul's Church, Richmond, by Mr. John O. Stegar,	38 50
		<hr/> \$2,241 66
By balance in the hands of the Treasurer, E. E. WM. WILLIAMS, <i>Treasurer.</i>		\$60 78
RICHMOND, 15TH MAY, 1848.		

The Convention proceeded to elect the Executive Committee of the Diocesan Missionary Society ; and the following gentlemen were chosen :

RT. REV. WM. MEADE, D. D.

RT. REV. JOHN JOHNS, D. D.

REV. ADAM EMPIE,

REV. WM. NORWOOD,

REV. GEORGE WOODBRIDGE.

WM. H. FOWLE, Esq., presented the following Report, from the Committee on Finance, which was read and adopted:

The Committee of Finance, having fully considered the subjects, referred to them, beg leave respectfully to report.

That the account of the Treasurer of the Diocese, W. H. Hubbard, Esq., is sustained by the vouchers and is correct. (Marked A) Balance in his hands on 13th May, was

		\$456 58
Contributions to Diocesan Fund, for 1848, (as detailed on paper B,) are		
Received for delinquencies in 1846, (as shown by paper C.)		\$4,581 17
		9 00
Received for delinquencies in 1847. (paper D.)		62 00
Amount remaining delinquent for 1845. (paper E.)		324 25
do	do	do for 1846. (paper F.)
do	do	do for 1847. (paper G.)
do	do	do for 1848. (paper H.)

The parishes which have made no report appear in paper I.

Your committee have used every effort to make their report accurate, but there is great room for error, arising mainly from the loose and informal manner, in which Parochial returns are made, particularly as to the *distinctive* names of *Churches and Parishes*.

In making these returns, if special reference should be had to the list published at the end of the Journal, this difficulty will be in a great measure overcome.

WM. H. FOWLE,  
for the Committee.

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*Wm. H. Hubbard, Treasurer in account with the Episcopal Convention of Virginia.*

1847.

Dr.

May 14	To balance of account rendered to this date,	\$911 35
26	To cash received from the Convention at Winchester, by the hands of Thomas H. Ellis, Treasurer, pro tem.	4,304 70
	To cash received by the hands of the Rev. Wm. C. Meredith, from Tillotson Parish, Buckingham, for present year,	20 00
28	To cash received by the hands of Rev. G. W. Dame, Camden Parish, Pittsylvania, in part,	20 00
	To cash received interest from Savings Institution, on balance on first of January,	2 23
June 5	To cash received by the hands of the Rev. Mr. Walker, from a Parish in Amherst,	11 31
	To cash received by the hands of Bishop Johns, from Cumberland Parish, Lunenburg,	38 50
	To cash received from Charleston, Kanawha Parish,	5 00
	To cash received from St. Andrew's Parish, Brunswick,	34 00
26	To cash received from Lunenburg Parish, Richmond county, on account of arrears,	11 50
	To cash received from Farnham Parish, Richmond county, on account of arrears,	9 00
	To cash received from Cople Parish, Westmoreland,	8 87
Aug. 16	To cash received from St. John's Church, Henrico, in full for annual contribution,	56 00
Nov'r. 4	To cash returned by Rev. Dr. Empire, from the General Convention,	16 87
	<i>To amount carried up,</i>	<u>\$5,449 33</u>



<i>By amount brought over,</i>					<b>\$3,539 20</b>
Nov'r. 3	do	do	Rev. C. Mann's draft, "	17	75 00
11	do	do	Rev. J. P. McGuire, "	18	13 37
26	do	do	Bishop Johns, on ac-		
			count of his salary, "	19	250 00
	do	do	do do do expenses, "	19	53 00
	do	do	Rev. Wm. Suddards, "	20	39 00
Dec'r. 8	do	do	Hon. Wm. C. Rives, "	21	75 00
1848.					
Jan'y. 3	do	do	Bishop Johns in full		
			of his salary, "	22	800 00
24	do	do	Ed. Colston's draft, "	23	80 54
April 11	do	do	Bishop Meade's ex-		
			penses, "	24	115 00
May 8	do	do	Bishop Johns do "	25	60 00
13	By cash on hand,				456 58
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					<b>\$5,556 69</b>

E. E.

WM. H. HUBBARD, *Treasurer.*

(B)

*Receipts for Diocesan Fund, 1848.*

St. George's Church and Parish, Fredericksburg,	\$150 00
Leeds Parish, Fauquier,	37 00
Sapony, Bath Parish,	29 00
Botetourt Parish,	40 00
St. James', Culpeper,	27 00
St. Paul's Church, Suffolk,	30 00
St. John's Church, Chuckatuck,	10 00
St. James', Northam, Goochland and Fluvana,	36 00
St. James' Church, Warrenton,	42 00
Meherrin Parish, Greensville,	17 00
St. Paul's Parish, King George,	24 00
Westover Parish, Charles City,	30 00
Monumental Church, Richmond,	147 00
St. Thomas' Church, Abingdon,	10 00
St. James' Parish, Mecklenburg,	57 00
Trinity Church, Portsmouth Parish,	60 00
Grace Church, Rockbridge,	24 50
Zion Church, Truro Parish,	20 00
St Peter's Parish, New Kent,	13 00
St. James' Parish, Powhatan,	26 00
St. James' Church, Richmond,	130 00
St. Stephen's, Culpeper,	33 00
St. Luke's Parish, Mecklenburg,	12 00
Dale Parish, Sapony,	16 00
Trinity Church, Shepherdstown,	50 00

*Amount carried up,*

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\$1,070 50

<i>Amount brought up,</i>	\$1,070 50
Christ Church, Millwood,	58 00
Christ Church, Smithfield,	36 00
Hungar's Parish, Northampton,	51 00
Norton Parish, Berkeley,	41 50
St John's Church, Hampton;	41 00
Christ Church, Winchester,	86 00
Wickliffe Parish, Clarke,	83 00
Christ Church, Norfolk,	357 00
Raleigh and Genito, Amelia and Powhatan,	35 00
St. John's Church, City Point,	4 00
Tillotson Parish, Buckingham,	28 00
Bruton Parish, Williamsburg,	66 00
St. Stephen's Church, Fauquier, Hamner Parish,	10 00
Dettingen and Leeds, Prince William,	52 00
St. Andrew's Parish, Brunswick,	34 00
Littleton Parish, Cumberland,	39 00
Christ Church, Middlesex,	10 00
Christ Church, Kingston Parish, Mathews,	8 00
Christ Church, Lancaster,	23 00
St. Mark's Church, Kanawha,	10 00
Kanawha Parish, Charleston,	33 00
St. James' Church, Shelburn Parish,	82 00
Grace Church, Caroline,	48 00
Washington Parish, Westmoreland,	4 00
Cople Parish, do	1 00
St. Paul's Church, Lynchburg,	117 00
St. John's Church, Moore Parish, Campbell,	13 00
St. Thomas' Church, Middletown, Frederick,	17 00
Front Royal,	5 00
St. Mathews' Church, Wheeling,	75 00
Christ Church, Charlottesville,	66 00
Christ Church, Alexandria,	115 00
St. Paul's Church, Alexandria,	149 00
St. John's Church, Henrico Parish,	63 00
Meade Parish, Fauquier,	20 00
St. Paul's Church, Petersburg,	210 00
Russell Parish, Bedford,	26 00
St. Margaret's Church, Caroline,	36 00
Antrim Parish, Halifax,	59 00
St. John's Church, Spottsylvania,	17 00
Christ Church, do	14 00
Cumberland Parish, Lunenburg,	44 30
Lexington Parish, Amherst, from a lady,	1 00
Roanoke Parish, Halifax,	18 00
Abingdon and Ware Parishes, Gloucester,	47 00
St. Paul's Church, Richmond,	234 00
<i>Amount carried over,</i>	\$3,657 30



<i>By amount brought over,</i>		\$3,657 33
Trinity Parish, Wood,		25 00
A lady of Weston, Lewis,		2 00
Two Communicants at Clarksburg,		2 00
Heber Parish, Bedford,		11 00
West Russell, do		1 50
St. Luke's Church, Amherst,		21 75
St. Ann's Parish, Essex,		27 00
South Farnham Parish, Essex,		88 00
St. Stephen's Church, Bedford,		60 00
Nelson Parish, Nelson,		24 00
St. Ann's Parish, Albemarle,		20 00
Walker's Parish, do		24 00
Trinity Church, Staunton,		88 00
St. Martin's Parish, Hanover,		62 00
A lady in Middleway, Jefferson,		1 00
St. Paul's Church, Norfolk,		140 00
Zion Church, St. Andrew's Parish, Jefferson,		80 00
Beaver Dam, Goochland,		11 00
St. Thomas' Church, Orange,		62 00
Old Church, Hanover, St. Paul's Parish,		12 00
St. George's Church, Accomac,		8 00
Bloomfield Parish, Madison,		11 00
St. John's Church, Greenspring Parish, Louisa,		6 00
Martins' Brandon Parish, Prince George,		33 00
Centurion Church, Elizabeth City,		16 00
Accomac Parish,		19 00
St. John's Church, King George,		13 00
Grace Church, Petersburg,		41 37
Woodville, Trinity Church,		21 00
Camden Parish, St. Andrew's,		18 00
York, Hampton Parish,		9 00
New Glasgow Church, Lexington Parish,		2 00
Lynnhaven Parish,		14 25
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		\$4,581 17

## (C)

Amount received for delinquencies, 1846:	
Cumberland Parish, Lunenburg,	9 00

## (D)

Amount received for delinquencies, 1847 :	
Botetourt Parish,	8 00
St. Paul's Church, Hanover,	7 00
St. Peter's, New Kent, .	8 00
St. David's, King William,	7 00
Accomac Parish,	16 00
Centurion Church, Elizabeth City,	16 00
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	\$62 00

(E)

The amount delinquent for 1845 is, no part being paid, (See statement D. Journal of 1846.) **\$324 25**

(F)

The amount delinquent for 1846 is (as per statement D, Journal of 1847, less \$9 00, received from Cumberland Parish, Lunenburg county.) **\$301 01**

(G)

The amount delinquent for 1847 is (as per statement F, Journal of 1847, less \$16 00, paid by Centurion Church, Elizabeth city.) **\$462 00**

(I)

The Parishes which appear to have made no report are as follows:

Albermarle Parish, Sussex.  
 Boyden do Augusta.  
 Cornwall do Charlotte.  
 Camden do Pittsylvania.  
 Fredericksville do Albemarle.  
 Franklin do Franklin.  
 Henrico do St. Luke's.  
 Kanawha, St. Luke's, Salines.  
 Lexington Parish, Amherst.  
 Lunenburg do Richmond.  
 St. George's, Accomac, St. James' Church.  
 St. George's, Spottsylvania, Christ Church.  
 St. John's and Christ Churches, Brooke county.  
 Truro Parish, Pohick Church.

(H)

The Parishes and Churches, which appear to be delinquent for 1848, are as follows:

Bloomfield Parish, Madison,	<b>\$6 00</b>
St. John's Church, City Point,	<b>1 00</b>
St. James', Southam, Powhatan,	<b>6 00</b>
Russel Parish, Bedford,	<b>1 00</b>
Meade Parish, Fauquier,	<b>16 00</b>
Trinity Church, Staunton,	<b>8 00</b>
Washington Parish, Westmoreland,	<b>4 00</b>
Cople Parish, Westmoreland,	<b>2 00</b>
Trinity Church, Shepherdstown,	<b>11 00</b>
St. Thomas' Parish, Orange,	<b>6 00</b>
St. Mathews', Wheeling,	<b>46 00</b>
Grace Church, Latimer Parish, Rockbridge,	<b>2 50</b>
St. David's Parish, King William,	<b>5 00</b>

*Amount carried over,*

**\$114 50**

<i>By amount brought over,</i>	<b>\$114 50</b>
Beaver Dam, Goochland,	14 00
Falls Church, Fairfax,	8 00
Grace Church, Petersburg,	40 63
Camden Parish, Pittsylvania,	29 00
Franklin Parish, Franklin,	4 00
St. Thomas' Church, Middletown, Frederick,	1 00
Trinity Church, Parkersburg,	32 00
St. Luke's Church, Lexington Parish,	19 25
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	<b>\$262 38</b>

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On motion, the election of the Standing Committee of the Diocese was made the order for 9½ o'clock, to-morrow.

The Convention adjourned, to meet to-morrow, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

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SATURDAY, MAY 20, 1848.

The Convention met, pursuant to adjournment, and was opened with prayer by the Right Reverend the Assistant Bishop—the Right Reverend the Bishop in the Chair.

The Rev. Mr. DANA, from the Standing Committee, presented the report concerning the Widows and Orphans' Fund, together with the Report of the Trustees and Treasurer's account, which was adopted.

The Committee on the Widows and Orphans' Fund have examined the certificates of Stock, held by the Trustees of said fund and the accounts of the Treasurer; all of which they have found to be correctly represented in their respective reports, which are herewith submitted. The Committee concur with the Trustees in recommending that the two small sums of \$10 35, and \$16 45—amounting to \$26 80—be transferred to the Widows and Orphans' Society.

CHARLES B. DANA, *Chairman*.

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#### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND.

The Trustees of the Fund for the relief of the Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen, in the Diocese of Virginia, report: That there has been received, during the past year, for dividends, \$612 30, which has been passed to the credit of the Widows and Orphans' Society—the Treasurer of the Fund being also Treasurer of the Society, see his account accompanying this report.

At the last Convention, there was a cash balance in hand of \$66 45, of which, \$50 has been applied to the purchase of one share of stock in the Farmers' Bank of Alexandria, thereby making the number of shares 149, the par value \$50. That Bank having become a Branch of the Exchange Bank of Virginia, the Fund has now 74 shares in that Bank, par value \$100 per share. The Bank of Potomac, in which the Fund has 4 shares, has since become a Branch of the Farmers' Bank of Virginia, consequently the 4 shares, belonging to the Fund in the former, are 4 shares in the latter. These changes, the Trustees believe, will greatly increase the productiveness of the Fund.

With the exception of these changes, the condition of the Fund remains as last reported, viz :

74 shares of Stock in Exchange Bank of Virginia,	\$7,400 00
21 do do in Farmers' do do	2,100 00
1 share in Bank of Virginia,	70 00
Balance due on the note for \$600, which balance bears interest from 23rd of July, 1845,	\$246 98
Deduct interest accrued on this note from May, 1838, to 23rd of July, 1845, which interest belongs to the Widows and Orphans' Society, together with interest thereafter accruing,	236 63— 10 35
Cash balance in the hands of the Treasurer,	16 45
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	\$9,596 80

As the Fund cannot be increased, the income arising from the stocks being pledged to the Widows and Orphans' Society, the Trustees suggest that the last two items, \$10 35, and \$16 45, be transferred to that Society, the amounts being unavailable for investment.

THOMAS NELSON,	} Trustees.
WM. H. HUBBARD,	
WM. WILLIAMS,	
Treasurer.	

RICHMOND, 16TH of MAY, 1848.

*The Fund for the relief of the Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen of the Diocese of Virginia, in account with*

*Wm. Williams, Treasurer.*

1847.

Dr.

July 6 To cash paid Mutual Assurance Society, for one share of stock in Farmers' Bank of Alex-

		andria,			\$50 00
	8	To cash paid	Widows and Orphans' Society,		183 75
	13	do	do	do	61 60
	Sept. 16	do	do	do	22 00
	1848.				
	Jan. 15	do	do	do	334 95
	Mar. 20	do	do	do	10 00
	May 16	To balance for cash in hand,			16 45
					<hr/> \$678 75

1847.

C.R.

May 15	By balance in hand as per report to Convention in Winchester,	\$66 45
July 8	By dividends received on 147 shares of Stock, in Farmers' Bank of Alexandria,	183 75
13	By Dividends received on 17 shares of Stock, in Farmers' Bank of Virginia,	59 50
	By dividends received on one share in Bank of Virginia,	2 10
Sept. 16	By dividends received on 4 shares of Stock, in Bank of Potomac,	22 00
	1848.	
Jan. 15	By dividends received on 21 shares of Stock, in Farmers' Bank of Virginia,	73 50
	By dividends received on 74 shares of Stock, in Exchange Bank of Virginia,	259 00
	By dividends received on one share of Stock, in Bank of Virginia,	2 45
Mar. 20	By dividends received on 4 shares of Stock, in Bank of Potomac, due November, 1844, but only now collected,	10 00
		<hr/> \$678 75

May 17 By balance of cash in hand, \$16 45  
E. E. WM. WILLIAMS, *Treasurer.*

RICHMOND, 16TH MAY, 1848.

The Rev. Mr. WOODBRIDGE presented the report of the Trustees of the Theological Seminary and High School.

#### REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AND HIGH SCHOOL.

In making their Annual Report, the Trustees cannot but recognize, with devout gratitude, the continuance of the blessing of the Most High, which has always so richly crowned the Seminary.

They have little to report, concerning its state, different from for-

mer years. The Professors have been faithfully and devotedly engaged in their duties. And the Students, as shown by the reports of the Professors, have been diligently engaged in their studies, and in the cultivation of those religious habits which will fit them, we trust, to be able ministers of the New Testament.

The Church, in almost every Diocese, is feeling the salutary influence of the Seminary. Its Alumni are scattered from Maine to Texas and from the Atlantic to the Pacific. In Africa, in China, in Greece, they are faithfully endeavoring to fulfil the last command of the Lord to preach the Gospel to every creature. It is emphatically *The Institution* of the Diocese. It is identified with all our future anticipations of the prosperity of the Church. It has been founded and sustained almost entirely by the funds of the Church in this Diocese, and by the prayers of the faithful; and we trust it will continue to receive them till time shall be no more.

The vested funds of the Seminary amount now to \$41,541 33; besides a balance now in the hands of the Treasurer, to be invested, of \$924 17, being an addition of \$2,023 00, during the past year.

About \$18,00, have been subscribed, during the past year, of which the preceding \$2 000 have been paid. We shall need about \$10,000 more, before we make up the sum of \$70,000 as the permanent fund of the Seminary. The interest of this sum is absolutely required in order to support the Professors comfortably. A few more years of care and faithful nurture, on the part of the Diocese, will put the Institution on a stable foundation.

But we trust that the friends of the Church will never feel themselves relieved from the duty of praying for it, and watching over it in the Lord. Our help is in the name of the Lord. The usefulness of our students will be in proportion to the measure with which they are baptized with the Holy Ghost. Brethren pray for them.

The High School is increasing rapidly in public favor. It is a School than which no better can be found—we might almost say desired. Its numbers now amount to more than fifty. The Rector, the Rev. E. A. Dalrymple, deserves the thanks of all the friends of the Church, for the self-denying labors which he has undergone to establish it. We trust his reward is on high, and his memorial is with his God.

The Reports of the Professors, herewith submitted, will show the state of their various departments.

### REPORT OF THE PROFESSOR OF SYSTEMATIC DIVINITY.

The subscriber has little more to do, on the present occasion, than repeat what he has reported of his duties in the Theological Seminary of the Diocese in former years. The three classes have received instruction on the subjects embraced in his department, just as usual, except that the Junior class, in addition to their regular studies, have voluntarily taken up a review of Logic and are now engaged in it.—The other two classes have attended to the new studies prescribed by the Board of Trustees at their last annual meeting. All the classes have exhibited, thus far in the year, a satisfactory degree of punctuality and diligence in their duties.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. SPARROW.

### REPORT OF THE PROFESSOR OF BIBLICAL LITERATURE.

The Professor of Sacred Literature begs leave to report, that, by Divine help, he has been enabled to discharge his duties without interruption during another year. The students under his instruction have pursued the prescribed course of study in his department with diligence, and made the usual progress. The Junior Class have mastered the elements of the Hebrew Language, and have read the usual amount of prose, and some *thirty-five* Psalms. In Greek, they will in a few recitations have finished the Harmony of the Gospels. They have also read and been examined in Jewish Antiquities, the Introduction to the Old Testament, Biblical interpretation, and Jewish History, and have read about forty evangelical essays.

The Middle class have studied in Hebrew the Prophecies of Christ, as far as through Isaiah; and in Greek, they have read with great care, and are now, the *second* time, reviewing the Epistles to the Romans and the Hebrews. The Senior Class have read in Greek the first Epistle to the Corinthians, and part of the second.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. PACKARD.

### REPORT OF THE PROFESSOR OF CHURCH HISTORY AND CHURCH POLITY IN THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The usual studies in this department have been attended to, according to the prescribed routine. The senior class has gone through

the History of the Church of England, studied Hooker on Ecclesiastical Polity, and is now ready for review. The members of this class have also attended to the composition and delivery of Sermons, in a weekly meeting of the students for this purpose.

In the middle class, the General History of the Church has been studied, as usual, and the course now nearly completed, except the review.

JAMES MAY.

Theological Seminary, May 15, 1848.

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## REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF THE HIGH SCHOOL.

To the Trustees of the Episcopal High School of Virginia:

The Rector of the High School begs leave to present his third annual report.

Since the last Convention, the 4th session of the School, (commencing 1st of May, 1847,) has closed, and the 5th commenced. At one period of the 4th session, the number of students reached 36, but by removals, &c, was reduced to 31, with which number it closed on the 30th of September, 1847.

The 5th session commenced on the 1st of November, 1847. The number of students at one time reached 55, at present it is 54. In order to enable the authorities of the School, to return to the former regulation, in regard to vacation and length of session, the present session will continue 9 months, and expire on the 31st of July. The sessions of the School, in future, will be 10 months.

The School continues to be managed, as last reported, and it is believed with the same satisfactory results to the Church and its patrons. A pamphlet, setting forth the principles and detail of the School, in its various departments, is herewith annexed.

The Rector devotes several hours, daily, to giving instructions in various branches. In the department of instruction, he has the aid of five efficient assistants, three of whom are looking forward to the Ministry of the Church.

The moral and religious condition of the School is highly gratifying. Three of the students have been recently confirmed, and the hope is, that, at the next visit of the Bishops, there will be several candidates for the same rite.

The attention of the Board is again called to the condition of some portions of the buildings, which are suffering serious injury from want of paint. A small appropriation for repairs now will prevent the hea-



vy expenditures which may become necessary in a few years, and tend most materially, not only to the neatness, but also the preservation of the property.

E. A. DALRYMPLE,

Howard, May 16, 1848,

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Dr. WM. G. SMITH, Lay-Delegate from Hungar's Parish, Northampton, appeared and took his seat.

The Chairman of the Committee on Division of Parishes, presented the following report, which was, for the present, laid upon the table :

The Committee on the "Division of Parishes," having had the several petitions, presented to this Convention, under consideration, make the following report:

1st. Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners from Trinity Church, Martinsburg, is reasonable and ought to be granted.

2d. They further report, that the papers in the case of St. George's Church, Accomac, are too defective to enable your Committee to report favorably.

3rd. Upon the application for a division of Portsmouth Parish, Norfolk county, your Committee beg leave to remark, that they have found the subject to be one of some difficulty, but, after a patient and laborious investigation, have unanimously come to the conclusion, that the quiet of the people, and the interests of the Church, would not be promoted by the rejection of the petition—believing, as they do, that there is material enough in the town of Portsmouth for another congregation.

They, therefore, recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

HORACE STRINGFELLOW, Ch'n.

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The Rev. Mr. ANDREWS, from the select Committee, presented the following Report and Resolutions, which were adopted:

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE SOUTHERN CHURCHMAN.

The importance of weekly religious papers in the present condition of the Church, and the necessity of directing and regulating their influence is very generally acknowledged. The most important consideration in relation to them is that they should be under proper control, and in particular that the publication most widely cir-

cular that the publication most widely circulated in this Diocese should harmonize with its principles and co-operate in the plans of usefulness here deemed most expedient.

It is not necessary to dwell upon considerations so obvious. With respect to the particular object upon which the Committee have been directed to report, the question is very simple. The Church in this Diocese evidently desires a religious paper to co-operate with other agencies for the promotion of religion to promote an intelligent adherence to that form of Christianity which we believe most consonant with the Scriptures and a devout employment of those spiritual forms of worship which we rejoice to have inherited from the wisdom and piety of former generations. The Southern Churchman will continue to be circulated. The only question is, whether its patronage shall enable it to sustain a character worthy of its position, or whether it must be kept down by a restricted circulation and insufficient support.

Should the hopes of increased patronage to the Southern Churchman be promptly realized, it is believed that the terms of subscription may be reduced to \$2,50 per annum, probably by the commencement of the coming year. This object is very desirable, and presents an additional motive for immediate and zealous effort.

The statement of the Bishop of the Diocese, in his address, renders it unnecessary to say any thing of the qualifications of the present editor. Nor is it necessary to enter into details on any other point.—What is most needed is an expression of the confidence of the Convention in the paper, under its present auspices, and a recommendation of it to all under its influence. The committee recommend the following resolutions :

*Resolved*, That the Southern Churchman be and it is hereby recommended to the confidence and patronage of the Diocese.

*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese to use every effort to increase the circulation of the Southern Churchman.

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The Rev. Mr. WOODBRIDGE, from the Committee on the Episcopal Fund, to which was referred the report of the Trustees of the same, made the following report :

#### BISHOP'S FUND REPORT.

The Trustees of the Bishop's Fund report, that, since the last Con-

vention, they have, with the cash then on hand and dividends since received on Bank stocks, purchased one share of stock of the Farmers' Bank of Alexandria, at fifty dollars; five shares of stock of the Farmers' Bank of Virginia, at ninety-seven dollars per share; and three shares of stock of the same Bank, at ninety-nine dollars per share; leaving now on deposit, in the Branch of the Farmers' Bank of Virginia at Alexandria, two hundred and twenty-six dollars and fifty cents, to the credit of the trust fund, which includes a contribution of two dollars, received from Mr. George P. Tayloe, of Roanoke county, Virginia, by Rev. George A. Smith.

## CREDITS.

Cash on Deposit in Farmers' Bank of Alexandria, as reported last Convention,	\$508 25
Cash on Deposit in Bank of the Valley, as reported last Convention,	75 00
July dividend Farmers' Bank of Alexandria,	146 25
July and January dividends Bank of the Valley,	67 50
January dividend Exchange Bank of Virginia,	206 50
do do Farmers' Bank of Virginia,	49 00
Undrawn dividends late Bank of Potomac, (1834 and 1837.)	4 00
Contribution received from Mr. Geo. P. Tayloe, of Roanoke county, by Rev. George A. Smith,	2 00
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	\$1,058 50

## CHARGES.

1 share of Farmers' Bank of Alexandria stock,	50 00
5 shares of Farmers' Bank of Virginia stock, at \$97 per share,	485 00
3 shares of Farmers' Bank of Virginia stock, at \$99 per share,	297 00
Cash on deposit in Branch of Farmers' Bank of Virginia, at Alexandria,	226 50
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	\$1,058 50

The Bishop's Fund now consists of

59 shares of stock Exchange Bank of Virginia, par value,	\$5,900 00
17 do do Farmers' Bank of Virginia, do	1,700 00
9 do do Bank of the Valley, Virginia, do	900 00
Cash on deposit in Branch of Farmers' Bank of Virginia, Alexandria,	226 50
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	\$8,726 50

At the Convention in May 1847, the amount of this fund was \$8,-  
233 25, now \$8,726 50, increase \$493 25.

WASHINGTON C. PAGE,

LOUIS A. CAZENOVE,

Wardens of Christ Church, Alexandria.

ALEXANDRIA, MAY 15TH, 1848.

The Convention proceeded to execute the order for the Election of the Standing Committee of the Diocese, and the following gentlemen were duly elected :

REV. E. R. LIPPITT,

ORLANDO FAIRFAX, M. D.

" C. B. DANA,

C. F. LEE,

" WILLIAM SPARROW, D. D.

JOHN HOOFF.

The Convention then proceeded to the election of the Trustees of the Theological Seminary and High School. The following gentlemen were elected :

REV. JOHN GRAMMER,

RICHARD H. CUNNINGHAM,

" JOHN P. MCGUIRE,

C. F. LEE,

" CHARLES B. DANA,

S. H. LEWIS,

" ALEXANDER JONES, D. D.

EDW. S. PEGRAM,

" GEORGE ADIE,

THOMAS H. CLAGGETT, M. D.

" GEORGE WOODBRIDGE,

WILLIAM POLLOCK.

The Convention proceeded, in Committee of the Whole, to execute the order for the consideration of the Revised Canons—and, at 3 P. M., took a recess until  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 4.

4 $\frac{1}{2}$  P. M.

The Convention met after recess.

The subject of the amended Canons was resumed. The amendments being agreed to, the Canons so amended were referred to a Select Committee, to report upon the same to the next Convention.

The Committee appointed consisted of Rev. Messrs. STRINGFELLOW and NORWOOD, TAZEWELL TAYLOR, Esq., and Dr. F. H. DEANE.

The report of the Committee on the Division of Parishes was then taken up.

So much of the Report as relates to the petition from Trinity Church, Martinsburg, was accepted by the Convention, and the prayer of the petitioners granted.

The adverse Report of the Committee, on the petition from St. George's Church, Accomac, was reversed and the prayer of the petitioners granted.

So much of the Report as relates to the petition for a new Church in Portsmouth was made the special order for 8 P. M.

On motion, and after some debate,

*Resolved*, That the Convention, when it adjourns, adjourn to meet in St. Mathew's Church, Wheeling.

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The Rev. Dr. McGUIRE, from the Committee on the state of the Church, presented the following Report :

The Committee on the state of the Church are enabled, once more, in the good providence of God, to adopt the language of gratulation and praise, in presenting to the Convention their annual Report.—Our strain may not meet the measure of those fervent desires and expectations entertained by some, but there is reason for unfeigned satisfaction, that, in such a world, there is so much of favorable progress attending the holy cause, to which our common toils and prayers are given.

In the light reflected on us by the Episcopal Addresses and Parochial Reports, we are assured of the continued growth of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Virginia, in all the substantial elements of a sound and prosperous condition. In the steady and uninterrupted increase of her ministry, she has enlarged the place of her tent, stretched forth the curtains of her habitations, lengthened her cords and strengthened her stakes; many who were as a sheep without a shepherd having been gathered into the fold, and "in her doctrine and fellowship, in breaking of bread and in prayers," privileged to "go in and out and find pasture." The number added to the Church through the past year, (near 500,) exceeded that of the preceeding year, but the actual increase has been reduced in a corresponding proportion by deaths and removals. The number of Church edifices and parsonages erected falls short, perhaps, of the increase in former years, though there are cheering manifestations of a disposition in those "who are taught in the word, to communicate unto those who teach in all good things." In this growing sense of justice and obligation, a better day may be anticipated. one at least of more settled and permanent and cordial connection between pastor and people.

Whilst a season of unusual insensibility, among those "who are without," has marked the periods of our recent history, there are en-

couraging and redeeming indications of a living, energetic and productive piety in the great mass of our professing people. In no other body of such as call themselves Christians is there found a more exemplary discharge of the sacred duties, proprieties and decencies of social and religious obligation. They are distinguished especially by the regular and punctual observance of public and private devotion—reverence for the Sanctuary and Domestic Altar being extensively characteristic of our growing communion.

We are still permitted to greet our friends with renewed congratulations because of the unabated harmony of the Church in this Diocese,—our Zion remaining as a city that is at unity with itself.—There are no discordant notes heard among us on the fundamental doctrines of the Gospel, and but little diversity touching its externals. It is our prayer to God, that we may long be counted worthy to share so precious an inheritance as that of “truth and peace.”

With much that is thus gratifying and encouraging, we are not without some grounds of anxiety in looking over the diversified field of our spiritual habitation. On our horizon there are some specks of evil omen which claim of your committee at least a word of faithful admonition, that “forewarned we may be forearmed.” The brilliant achievements of science, by which our favored day is signalized, have brought us into such intimate proximity and commerce with the degenerate population of the old world, that we are in unwonted danger in regard to manners and morals from the unvarying influence of “evil communications.” Already are the sad effects painfully visible to some. They see the manifest fruits of this nearer intercourse in the blunted sensibilities of many—in a growing thirst for the indulgencies of a prurient fancy—the sensitive reserve of former days being thrown off in an eagerness for scenes, exhibitions and amusements, the thoughts of which would once have been repelled as utterly incompatible with the dictates at least of female delicacy and propriety. As nothing could be more fatal to the social and domestic virtue of our land, not to say its piety, than such ruthless inroads of foreign fashions, manners and principles, we do earnestly deprecate so great a curse, and trust that the public virtue may lift up a standard which may turn back the tide and save our beloved country from the foul ravages with which we are threatened.

Especially is it hoped that these bitter waters may never invade our holy places, to pollute and mar the purity and peace of our Zion.

But it must be remembered that the price of exemption is the sleepless vigilance of the ministry, whose solemn duty it is to watch and guard the purity of the Church by the faithful use of prevention or remedy as the case may be.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. C. McGUIRE,  
Chairman &c.

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The Convention then took a recess until 8 o'clock, P. M.

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8 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention re-assembled.

The Convention then proceeded to execute the special order—the consideration of so much of the Report of the Committee on the division of Parishes as relates to the petition for a new Congregation in Trinity Parish, Portsmouth.

The petition and counter-petition were then read, and, on motion, JAMES MURDAUGH, Esq., appointed by the petitioners to appear before the Convention, was introduced into the house.

HOLT WILSON, Esq., then addressed the Convention and was answered by Mr. MURDAUGH, and, after a lengthened debate, the following resolution was adopted by a nearly unanimous vote.

*Resolved*, Without expressing any opinion in the slightest degree reflecting upon the character of the Rev. Mr. Wingfield, that the prayer of the petitioners, be granted, and that they have leave to form a new congregation in Trinity Parish, Portsmouth.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention be presented to the citizens of Norfolk for the hospitality and kindness extended to its members.

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer be directed to pay the expenses of the Secretary in attending this Convention.

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer pay the door-keeper of this Convention fifteen dollars.

*Resolved*, That the Secretary cause to be printed two thousand copies of this Journal, for distribution among the Parishes.

After the usual religious services, the Convention then adjourned,

to meet in St. Mathew's Church, Wheeling, on the 3rd Wednesday  
in May, 1849.

WILLIAM MEADE,  
*President of the Convention.*

WM. M. BLACKFORD, *Secretary.*



## APPENDIX.

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### PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

*Antrim Parish, Halifax*—JOHN GRAMMER, Rector.—Communicants : added 2, white : died 1, colored : total 17 colored, and 59 white—76 : baptisms : adults, white 1, infants, white 4, total 5, confirmations 3 : marriages, white 3, colored 3, total 6 : funerals, white 3, colored 2, total 5 : number of families, 32 : amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, \$319 77½ : also for the Virginia Bible Society \$51 50; and for the American Colonization Society, \$32,—making in all \$403 27½.

*Abingdon and Ware Parishes, Gloucester*—CHARLES MANN, Rector.—Communicants : added 5, removed 4, total 47 : baptisms : infants 16, viz. white 11, colored 5, total 16 : marriages 5 : number of families 38, adults 125, infants 64. Amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, \$267 00.

*Bruton Parish, James City and York counties*—WILLIAM HODGES, Rector.—Communicants : added 6, removed 6, total 66 whites, and 2 colored—68, baptisms : infants, white 9, colored 2, total 11 : marriages, 2 whites, 3 colored, total 5 : funerals, 2 : amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, \$242 75.

*Beaver Dam Church, Goochland*—WELLINGTON E. WEBB, Rector and Missionary.—Communicants : added 12, white : removed 3,

white; died 3, white; total 25, white; baptisms: adults 3, white, infants 17, white; total 20; confirmations 4; marriages 7, 4 white, and 3 colored; funerals 33, 21 white and 17 colored; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, \$15. For repair of Beaver Dam Church, \$214 50.

*Botetourt Parish, Botetourt and Roanoke counties*—GEORGE T. WILMER, Rector.—Communicants: added 8, two from other Parishes, removed 1, died 1, total 41; baptisms: adults 4, viz: white 4, infants 5, viz: white 5, total 9; confirmations 2; funerals 3; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, \$106 00.

*Bloomfield Parish, Melison*—I. EARNEST, Rector.—Communicants: added 1, from another cure, died 1, total 21, of whom 3 are colored; marriages 1; funerals 1; contributions, viz: Foreign Missions, \$3 33, contingent fund \$11, total \$17 33.

*Cople Parish, Westmoreland*—WM. N. WARD, Rector.—Communicants: added from other Parishes 3, removed 2, total 17; marriages, 3 white, 1 colored, total 4; funeral 1; number of families 15, adults 32, infants 33; collection for contingent fund, \$11 50.

*Christ Church, Smithfield, New Port Parish, Isle of Wight*—JOHN C. McCABE, Rector.—Communicants: added 2, removed 2, died 1, total, 33 white, 4 colored; baptisms: infants, white 3, colored 3, total 6; marriages 2; funerals 3; number of families 21, adults 51, infants 23; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, \$8 44; Convention Fund \$36.

The above report contains the state of the Church, and services performed from the first of January, 1848, at which time, I entered upon my Parochial duties.

*Christ Church, Norborne Parish, Berkeley*—RICHARD T. BROWN, Rector and Missionary at Middleway and Leetown, Jefferson.—Communicants: added 1, removed 1, suspended 1, total 35; baptisms: adults, white 1, infants, white 9, colored 8, total 18; marriages 5; funerals 14; number of families 22, amount collected for different institutions connected with the Church; Diocesan Missionary Society, \$5, Theological Seminary, \$38 33.

The new Church at Leetown is under contract, and will be ready for consecration in October.

*Christ Church, Kingston Parish, Mathews*—G. S. CARRAWAY, Rector.—Communicants: added 2, total 8; baptisms: adults, 1 white, infants, white 1, colored 2, total 4; confirmations 2; marriages 1; funerals 1; contributed to contingent fund, \$8.

*Christ Church, Fairfax Parish, Alexandria and Fairfax counties*—CHARLES B. DANA, Rector.—Communicants: added 10, four from other cures, removed 14, died 3, total 125, of whom 10 are colored persons; baptisms: adults, white 2, infants, white 16, colored 12, total 30, confirmations 10; marriages 7; funerals 9; number of fami-

lies 80; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, about \$840.

*Christ Church, Spottsylvania*—D. M. WHARTON, Rector.—Communicants: removed 2, white 14, colored 2, total 16; baptisms: infants 2; marriages 1; funerals 4; number of families 7, adults 25, infants 8.

*Christ Church, Middlesex*—G. S. CARRAWAY, Rector.—Communicants: added 1, died 1, total 10; baptisms: infants, white 5, colored 9, total 14; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, \$81 10.

*Christ Church, Charlottesville*—RICHARD K. MEADE, Rector.—Communicants: added 5, removed 2, died 4, total 66; baptisms: infants, white 6; marriages 1; funerals 6; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, \$480.

*Centurion Church, Elizabeth City*—MARK L. CHEVERS, Rector and Chaplain, Fort Monroe.—Communicants: added 5, removed 5, total 16; baptisms: adults 2, infants 8, total 10; confirmations, 1; marriages 1; funerals 8; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, \$113.

The Sunday School is in a prosperous condition, numbering 7 teachers and 40 scholars.

*Cumden Parish, Pittsylvania*—GEORGE W. DAME, Rector.—Communicants: added 7, removed 6, died 1, total 50; baptisms: infants white 2; confirmations 7; marriages 3; funerals 3; number of families 41, adults 92, infants 70; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, \$18.

*Cornwall Parish, Charlotte*—JOHN T. CLARK, Rector.—Baptisms: adults 1, infants 6. I have preached as often as practicable in this deserted Parish, and wish to draw the attention of the Church to it.

There are within it several zealous Episcopalians, and the materials are here to build up a good and interesting charge, if there was any laborer sent.

*Christ Church, Winchester*—CORNELIUS WALKER, Rector.—Communicants: added 8, removed 5, died 1, total 90; baptisms: infants 3, white; marriages 1; funerals 3; number of families 56.

*Christ Church, Millwood, Clarke*—JOHN F. HOFF, Rector.—Communicants: added 2, total 58; baptisms: adults 1, white, infants 2, white; marriages 3; funerals 2; Amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church \$497 03.

The above report embraces only the acts of the present Rector, who commenced his duties in December last.

*Christ Church, Norfolk*—GEORGE D. CUMMINS, Rector.—Communicants: added 45, removed 2, died 7, total 357; baptisms: adults 5, white, infants 48, viz: white 47, colored 1, total 53; confir-

mations 39; marriages 9; funerals 27; number of families 165; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, \$3,529 34.

*Cumberland Parish, St. John's and St. Paul's Churches, Lunenburg*—THOMAS E. LOCKE, Rector.—Communicants; added 3, removed 1, (by entering the Ministry,) died 2, total 46, including 2 colored; baptisms: infants, white 4; confirmations 1; marriages 2; funerals 5; number of families 25, adults 66, infants 64; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, about \$50.

*Cople Parish, Westmoreland*—WM. MCGUIRE, Rector.—In consequence of the communion not having been administered in this Parish, I have no report to make of any addition of communicants.—The number of communicants is 3; baptisms: white 2, colored 16; families 10, number of persons 41; amount collected for Church purposes \$5 50.

This Parish was placed in my charge in October last, and since that time I have officiated regularly twice a month in the Courthouse of the County, to large and attentive congregations. This is entirely new ground, there having never before been regular Episcopal services in that part of this Parish, but a great deal of zeal has been displayed, in an attempt to procure a Church, and the greatest part of a subscription for this purpose has been raised here also, and I doubt not that the Church edifice will be commenced at the Courthouse in the course of this year. I preach regularly once a month to the servants at this place, and also once a month, at Pope's Creek Baptist Church, to the poor population of the neighborhood, in both cases to very attentive congregations.

*Dale Parish, Chesterfield*—A. B. TIZZARD, Rector.—Communicants: added 10, total 16; baptisms: adults 2, white, infants 7, white, total 9; confirmations 10; funerals 2; number of families 15, adults 28, infants 33; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, \$50.

*Emanuel Church, Powhatan*—ANDREW FISHER, Rector.—Communicants: added 1, removed 2, total 12; baptisms: infants, white 1; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, \$33 00.

*Falls Church, Fairfax Parish, Fairfax*—W. F. LOCKWOOD, Rector.—Communicants: added 1, total 8; baptisms: infants 6; confirmations 2; funerals 1.

*Farnham Parish, Richmond county*—WM. N. WARD, Rector.—Communicants: removed 6, total 14; marriages 4; number of families 10, adults 23, infants 22; collected for contingent fund, \$8 12.

*Grace Church, Petersburg*—CHURCHILL J. GIBSON, Rector.—Communicants: added 27, removed 9, died 2, suspended 2, withdrawn 1, total 83, 1 colored; baptisms: adults 10, viz: white 9, colored 1,

infants, white 44, colored 5, total 59; confirmations 24, one colored person; marriages 22; funerals 48; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, \$193.

*Grace and St. James' Churches, Littleton Parish, Cumberland*—OLCOTT BULKLEY, Rector.—Communicants: added 3, 2 from another parish, total 43; baptisms: infants, white 10; confirmations 2; marriages 1; funerals 3; number of families 18, adults 52, infants 33; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, \$140.

*Henrico Parish, St. John's Church, Richmond*—J. H. MORRISON, Rector.—Communicants: added 11, removed 4, total 64, including 1 colored; baptisms: adults, 1 white, infants, white 21, colored 1, total 22; confirmations 7; marriages 10; funerals 12; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, \$83 90; viz: for Domestic Missions \$50 60, Foreign Missions \$33 30—In addition to this, contributions have been made to Diocesan Missions through the hands of agents appointed in the congregation, the amount of which is not known. The communion alms have amounted to \$55 65, and about \$150 have been contributed towards repairing the Rectory, and other objects connected with the welfare of the Parish.

*Hungar's Parish, Northampton*—J. UFFORD, Rector.—Communicants: added 3, died 2, suspended 1, total 51; baptisms: infants, white 6, colored 5, total 11; confirmations 2; marriages 5; funerals 8; number of families 45; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, about \$350.

*Lynnhaven Parish, Princess Anne*.—This Parish has been without a minister for the last twelve months. Our last pastor, the Rev. Henry C. Lay, left the Parish in the month of May, 1847. Since, there has been divine service in the Churches only on three occasions, one death and two confirmations, white, total number of communicants 29.

WM. P. MORGAN, M. D.,  
Church Warden.

*Leeds Church, Fauquier*—WILLIAM HENRY PENDLETON, Rector.—Communicants: added 5, total 35; baptisms: adult 1, infants, white 2; confirmations 5; marriages 1; funerals 2; number of families 15, adults 51, infants 37; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, \$451.

*Latimer Parish, Rockbridge*—ROBERT NELSON, Rector.—Communicants: added 8, removed 1, total 28; baptisms: infants, white 2, colored 3, total 5; confirmations 3, marriages 3; funerals 2; number of families 13, adults 43, infants 55; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, \$40.

*Lunenburg Parish, Richmond county*—WM. N. WARD, Rector.—Communicants: total 19; marriages 2, colored; funerals 2; number of

families 13, adults 23, infants 29; collected for contingent fund \$15 50.

*Monumental Church, Henrico Parish*—GEO. WOODBRIDGE, Rector.—Communicants: added 20, removed 10, died 5, total 149; baptisms: 2 adults, (one colored,) 18 infants, total 20; funerals 14; marriages 5; confirmations 5; number of families about 80, collections for the Education Society, (Bishop Moore scholarship,) \$58 19, for Bible Society of Virginia, \$49, for Domestic Missions, \$75, for Foreign Missions, \$51 96, for Convention Fund, \$147, for Diocesan Missions, \$141, for Theological Seminary, \$55, for benevolent purposes connected with the Church, \$290; there has been contributed for the repair of the Church edifice, \$1000.

*Meherrrin Parish, Greenville*—D. FRANCIS SPRIGG, Rector.—Communicants: added 3 white, (from other Parishes,) 6 colored; removed 2 whites, 13 colored, suspended 1, total—17 white and 6 colored—23; baptisms: adults, colored 4, infants, white 6, colored 1, total 11; marriages 4; funerals 4; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, \$116 39, for affairs in the Parish \$150, total \$266 30.

*Meade Parish, Fauquier and Loudon counties*—WM. M. JACKSON, Rector.—Communicants: added 4, total 36; baptisms: white 5; confirmation 1; marriage 1; funerals 6; number of families 32, adults 79, infants 61; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$185.

*Martin's Brandon Parish, Prince George*—HENRY M. DENISON, Rector.—Communicants: added 9, removed 2, total 34; baptisms, infants, white 5, colored 33, total 43; confirmations 3; marriages 2; funerals 1; number of families 27, adults 60, infants 62; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, \$240.

*Nelson Parish, Nelson*—FREDERICK D. GOODWIN, Rector.—Communicants: added 2, removed 1, died 1, total 24; baptisms: infants, white 1; marriages 2; funerals 2; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, \$177 34.

*Norborne Parish, Berkeley*—JAMES CHISHOLM, Rector.—Communicants: added 3, removed 11, died 1, total 90; baptisms: infants, white 18, colored 7, total 25; marriages 6; funerals 10; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, \$230, viz: Foreign missions \$35, Theological Seminary of Virginia \$165.

*Roanoke Parish, Halifax*—JOHN T. CLARK, Rector.—Communicants: died 1, total 18; baptisms: adults 20, colored; marriages 3; funerals 4; number of families 13; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, \$230.

*Raleigh and Genito Parishes, Grub Hill and Grace Churches, in Amelia and Powhatan*—P. F. BERKELEY, Rector.—Communicants: added 1, removed 2, total 36; baptisms: adults, white 1, infants,

White 5, colored 2, total 8; confirmations 1; marriages 1; funerals 10; number of families 27, adults 94, infants 54; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, \$200.

*St. Peter's Church, Port Royal and Grace Church, St. Mary's Parish, Caroline*—WILLIAM FRIEND, Rector.—Communicants: added 3, removed 2, died 1, total 48; baptisms: infants, white 5; marriages 7; funerals 9; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, \$150.

*St. Luke's Church, Powhatan*—ANDREW FISHER, Rector.—Communicants: added 2, removed 2, total 20; baptisms: adults 2 white, infants 1 white, total 3; confirmations 2; funerals 1; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, \$94.

*St. James' Parish Northham, Goochland and Fluvanna counties*—J. P. B. WILMER, Rector.—Communicants: removed 2, died 1, total 36; baptisms: infants, white 14; confirmations 1; marriages 4; funerals 4; number of families 23 adults 65, infants 73; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, \$250.

*St. John's Church, Charleston, and St. Luke's, Salines, Kanawha county*—FRANCIS M. WHITTLE, Rector.—Communicants: added 6, (5 by removal,) removed 4, total 44, of which 1 is colored; baptisms: adults 2, white, infants 6 white, total 8; confirmations 8; marriages 4; funerals: white 1, colored 1, total 2; number of families 36, adults about 100, infants 50; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, \$80 59.

*St. Paul's Parish, Hanover*—E. B. MCGUIRE, Rector.—Communicants: added 2, total 12; confirmations 1; funerals, white 1;

*St. Peter's Parish, New Kent*—E. B. MCGUIRE, Rector.—Communicants: removed 2, total 13; baptisms: infant, white 1, marriages 1, funerals, colored 1; amount contributed for the contingent fund and benevolent purposes in these parishes, about \$86 50.

*St. John's Church, Hanover Parish, King George*—WILLIAM FRIEND, Rector.—Communicants: added 3, died 1, total 13; baptisms: infants, white 7; marriages 1; funerals 5.

*St. James' Church, Leesburg, Loudon*—GEO. ADIE, Rector.—Communicants: added 6, removed 4, total white 82, colored 2—84; baptisms: infants, white 6, colored 3, total 9; marriages 2; funerals 9; number of families 65; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, about \$1000, six hundred of which is for the purpose of enlarging and improving the Church building.

*St. Ann's Parish, Essex*—JOHN P. MCGUIRE, Rector.—Communicants: added 2, died 3, total white 27, colored 1—28; baptisms: infants, white 3; marriages 2; funerals 6.

*South Farnham Parish, Essex*—JOHN P. MCGUIRE, Rector.—Communicants: added 6, died 1, total 38; baptisms: infants, white, 6;

marriages 3; funerals 7; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church from both parishes \$411 66 2-3.

*St. Peter's Church, Tillotson Parish, Buckingham*—WM. C. MEREDITH, Rector.—Communicants: added 6, removed 1, died 2, total 39; baptisms: adults, white 2, infants, white 10, total 12; confirmations 8; marriages 4; funerals 6; number of families 17, adults 39, infants 32; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, \$68.

*St. Stephen's Church, Bedford*—O. A. KINSOLVING, Rector.—Communicants: added 1, removed 3, suspended 1, total 60, 1 colored; baptisms: adults, 1 white, infants 5 white, total 6; marriages 4; funerals 2; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, Theological Seminary Fund \$86, Communion Alms \$25, contingent Fund \$60.

*St. James' Church, City of Richmond*—ADAM EMPIE, Rector.—Communicants: added 16, removed 7, died 4, total 130 white and 6 colored; baptisms: adults 2, children 13, total 15; confirmations 6; marriages 9; funerals 8; number of families 78, adults 236, children 140; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, about \$1,775.

*St. Paul's and St. John's Churches, Suffolk, Nansemond and Chuckatuck*—CHARLES H. DISBROW, Rector.—Communicants: added 5, removed 4, died 1, total 40; baptisms: adults 2, infants 19, total 21; confirmations 2; marriages 4; funerals 21; number of families 50; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church \$150.

*St. Thomas's Church, Middletown, Frederick*—WM. F. BRYANT, Rector.—Communicants: suspended 1, total 31; baptisms: infants white 4; number of families 19, adults 31; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, \$4 05 Foreign Missions.

*St. Paul's Church, Lynchburg*—WILLIAM H. KINCKLE, Rector.—Communicants: added in various ways 10, removed 8, died 2, with drawn 3, erased for habitual and inexcusable non-attendance at Church 1, total 119, of whom two are colored; baptisms: infants, white 19; confirmations 4; marriages, of whites 11, of colored persons 8, total 19; funerals 10; contributions to religious objects, viz: contingent fund, \$117, communion alms \$229 97, Diocesan Missionary Society, \$19 50, Foreign Missions, \$70, Domestic Missions, \$40, Virginia Bible Society \$184 95, Education Society \$115 86.

*St. James' Church, Gulpeper*—JOHN COLE, Rector.—Communicants: added 2, total 27; baptisms: infants, white 3; marriages 2; funerals 1; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, \$3 35 for Theological Seminary, \$10 for Education Society, \$12 68 African Missions.

*St. John's and Christ's Churches, Brooke*—JAMES B. GOODWIN,



Rector.—Communicants: added 10, died 1, total 58; confirmations 6; baptisms, adults 4, infants 12, total 16; funerals 1.

*St. Stephen's Church, Fauquier*—GEORGE H. NORTON, Rector.—Communicants, removed 2, total 10; baptisms, infant 1; marriage 1; number families 12; amount collected for different institutions, contingent fund \$40, Theological Seminary \$25, total \$65.

The present incumbent took charge of this Church, in September last, his report is therefore only for the intermediate time.

*St. Peter's Church, New Kent*—E. B. MCGUIRE, Rector.—Communicants: removed 2, total 13; baptisms, infants, white 1; marriage 1, funeral 1; number of families 19; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, \$47 50.

*St. Martin's Parish, Hanover*—WM. V. BOWERS, Rector.—Communicants: added 3, removed 2, total 62; baptisms—adults 1, infants, white 2, colored 1, total 4; confirmations 3, marriages 3; funeral 1; number of families 33; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, Education Society \$42 25, Missionary Society \$42 70, Diocesan Missionary Society \$23, Theological Seminary \$45, contingent fund \$52; Sunday Schools 2.

*St. Paul's Church, Hanover*—E. B. MCGUIRE, Rector.—Communicants: added 2, total 11; confirmation 1; number of families 11; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, \$29.

*St. Mark's Church, Coalsmouth*—F. B. NASU, Rector.—Families 14; attendants on public worship 100; communicants, white, added 5, 3 by removal, total 20; baptisms, adults 2, infants 9; confirmations 2; marriage 1.

*St. John's Church, Teayes' Valley*—F. B. NASU, Rector.—Families 6; attendants at public worship 61; communicants, white, added 2, total 9; baptisms, adult 1, infants 2; confirmations 3; marriages 2.

*St. Paul's Church, King George*—LEWIS WALKER, Rector.—Communicants: added 2, from other cures, removed 1, died 2, total 24; baptisms: infants, white 5, colored 1, total 6; marriage 1; funerals 3; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, 131 dols.

*Sapony Church, Bath Parish, Dinwiddie*—JOHN M. BANNISTER, Rector.—Communicants: added 4, removed 1, died 2, total 32; baptisms—infants, white 4; confirmations 2; marriage 1; funerals 5; number of families 15, adults 47, infants 23, amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, 29 dols.

*St. John's Church, Berkeley Parish, Spottsylvania*—D. M. WHARTON, Rector.—Communicants: added 2, from Christ Church, removed 1, total 17; marriage 1; funerals 2; number of families 10, adults 29, infants 16; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, 22 dols.

**St. Paul's Church, Fairfax Parish, Alexandria—J. T. JOHNSTON, Rector.**—Communicants: added 10, removed 9, died 2, total 151; baptisms: infants 26, white; marriages 4; funerals 6; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, \$1,259 81; Sunday School, superintendent 1, teachers 22, scholars 184.

**St. Paul's Church, Richmond City—WM. NORWOOD, Rector.**—Communicants: added 19, removed 17, died 4, suspended 2, total 239; baptisms: adults, white 2, colored 1, infants, white 20, total 23; confirmations 17; marriages 7; funerals 17; number of families 134; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, \$2,564 40.

**St. Thomas' Church, Abingdon, Holston Parish, Washington city.—JAMES D. MCCABE, Rector.**—Communicants: added 1, died 1, total 10 white, and 3 colored—13; baptisms: infants, white 2; marriages 2; funerals 2; number of families 7, adults 17, infants 19; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, \$68 22.

**St. Paul's & St. James' Churches, Leeds and Dettengen Parishes, Prince William—JOHN TOWLES, Rector.**—Communicants: added 3, removed 5, total 52; baptisms: infants 5, white; marriages 2; funerals 2; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, \$140 33, viz: contingent fund \$52, Theological Seminary, \$88 33.

**St. Luke's Church, Lexington Parish, Amherst—NELSON SALE, Rector.**—Communicants:—added 1, total 41; baptisms, adults 1, infants 5, total 6; funerals 3.

**St. Andrew's Parish, Brunswick.**—Communicants: white 34, colored 22, total 56; contributions to the contingent fund \$34. This Parish is at present without a Rector.

JOHN R. JONES,  
Lay Delegate.

**St. John's Church, Moore Parish, Campbell—S. D. TOMPKINS, Rector.**—Communicants: removed 1, died 1, total 19, one of whom is colored; baptisms: 1 infant, white; confirmations 4; funerals 1; 8 families, 25 infants.

**St. George's Church, Accomac—AMBLER WEED, Rector.**—Communicants: added 1, total 8; baptisms: infants, white 1, colored 3, total 4; confirmations 1; funerals 1; convention fund \$8.

**St. Matthew's Church, Wheeling—WILLIAM ARMSTRONG, Rector.**—Marriages 11; baptisms: infants 16, adults 3; communicants 125; funerals 4.

**St. Thomas' Church, Orange—J. EARNEST, Rector.**—Communicants: added 6, (3 from other Parishes,) removed 5, total 68; baptisms: adults 2, infants, white 7, colored 5, total 14; marriages 1; funerals 5; contributions for religious and benevolent purposes, \$162 30.

**St. John's Church, Hampton, Elizabeth City—WILLIAM H. GOON,**

**Rector.**—Communicants: added 3, removed 2, died 2, total 42; baptisms: infants, white 2; marriages 3; funerals 3; number of families 45; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, \$11 to Domestic Missions, Bishop's Fund \$41.

**St. James' Church, Warrenton, Fauquier**—**GEORGE H. NORTON**, Rector.—Communicants: added 2, removed 3, died 2, total 42; baptisms: adults, white 7, infants, white 16, colored 7, total 24; marriages 1; funerals 9; number of families 30; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, contingent fund 42 dols. Theological Seminary, \$162 50, other purposes 46, total \$250 50.

**St. Paul's Church, Petersburg**—**HORACE STRINGFELLOW**, Rector.—Communicants: added 24, 6 from other Parishes, removed 38, died 7, total 210; baptisms: adults, white 1, infants, white 10, total 11; confirmations 14; funerals 10; number of families 100; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, \$2,115.

**St. John's Church, City Point, Prince George**—**N. H. OKESON**, Rector.—Communicants: added 3, removed 1, total 5; baptisms: adults, white 1, infants, white 11, colored 22, total 37; confirmations 3; marriages 1; funerals 3.

**St. Luke's Church, Clarksville Parish, Mecklenburg**—**JOS. JAS. RIDLEY**, of N. C., Rector.—Baptisms: infants, white 2, black 22, total 24; burials, white 1; communicants, white 12, colored 2, total 14; moneys collected for the episcopate \$12.

**St. George's Church, Fredericksburg**—**E. C. MCGUIRE**, Rector.—Communicants: added 3, removed 2, died 2, total 150; baptisms: adults, white 1, infants, white 17, total 18; marriages 3; funerals 12; number of families 90; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, \$800.

**St. Paul's Church, Elizabeth River Parish, Norfolk**—**DAVID CALDWELL**, Rector.—Baptisms 12, 3 adults, 10 children; marriages 3; funerals 19, 9 adults, 10 children; communicants added by confirmation 44, added from other cures 6, removed 9, deceased 4, suspended 1, total 162; contributions to religious and benevolent objects, \$800. We have a large Sabbath School, under the direction of a most laborious, competent and efficient superintendent, and also a most interesting Bible class, conducted by the Rector. We have also had the whole interior of our venerable old Church, so remodeled since our last Convention, as greatly to beautify it, and to add some two hundred to the number of its sittings. God has so blessed us during the last Conventional year, that we feel encouraged to press on with renewed hope and zeal.

**St. James' Church, St. George's Parish, Accomac**—**WM. G. H. JONES**, Rector.—Communicants 22; baptisms 1; marriages 2; confirmations 3.

This report does not include St. George's Church, which is under the care of Rev. Mr. Weed. Nor is there any report made of Accomac.

mac Parish, under the care of the Rector of St. George's Parish, as he has not yet been able to ascertain its true condition.

St. Margaret's Church, Caroline—D. M. WHARTON, Rector.—Communicants: died 3, total 36; baptisms, infants, white 2; funerals 4; number of families about 12, adults 46, infants 22.

Trinity Church, Buchanan, Botetourt—JAMES McELROY, Rector.—Communicants: added 3, removed 2, died 1, total 21 white, colored 1; baptisms: adults, 1 white, infants, 7 white, total 8; marriages 3; funerals 1: number of families 13, adults 26, infants 29; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, \$30 85 for foreign Missions, \$24 50 Bible Society of Virginia, \$7 Education Society, \$7 71 Domestic Missions, total \$71 06; Sunday School Scholars 30, Teachers 7; colored Sunday School Scholars 66, Teachers 10.

The prospects of this Parish and Mission are decidedly encouraging. The congregation is gradually and steadily increasing. The Sunday Schools are well conducted. The colored Sunday School is rapidly winning its way to public favor. The scholars, (and some of them 70 years old,) not only make surprising progress in committing the Liturgy and Jones' catechism, but their moral improvement is so marked as to win a kind feeling for the School from those who doubted its propriety. I continued, as long as the weather would permit, to preach on the way side, at Purgatory Mountain. The semi-monthly service for the colored people, at the Parish Church, has been constantly observed. Some few have professed religion and joined the Church of their parents and relatives.

Trinity Church, Staunton, Augusta—THOMAS T. CASTLEMAN, Rector. Communicants: added 16, removed 3, died 1, total 105; baptisms: infants, white 7; confirmations 6; marriages 3; funerals 6; number of families 40, adults 250, infants 140; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, \$491 40.

Trinity Parish, Wood—E. T. PERKINS, Rector. Communicants: added 9, removed by death 2, otherwise 8, total 32; baptisms: adults, white 2, infants, white 19, total 21; confirmations 9; marriages 5; funerals 2; number of families 32, adults 63, infants 57; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, \$30 00.

I have also visited Clarksburg, and found there 6 communicants, all white, baptized 2 infants, white, and collected \$2, the contribution to the contingent fund.

In visiting Weston, found 6 communicants, white; and received \$2 from Mrs. Taverner for the contingent fund, one of which pays the back due of last year.

Trinity Church, Shepherdstown, Jefferson—C. W. ANDREWS, Rector.—Communicants: added 3, removed 1, died 1, total 61; baptisms, adults, white 1, infants, white 1, total 2; funerals 5; number of families 38; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, \$300.

**Trinity Church, Portsmouth Parish, Norfolk—J. H. WINGFIELD, Rector.**—Communicants: added 5, removed 6, died 5, total 60; baptisms, infants, white 4; confirmations 1; marriages 1; funerals 7; number of families 52, adults 140, infants 105; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, \$160.

**Trinity Church, Russel Parish, Bedford—NELSON SALE, Rector.**—White Communicants 27, baptisms, 1 white infant; removed 7.

**Wythe Parish, Wythe—JAMES D. McCABE, Missionary.**—Communicants: total 3; baptisms, 1 white infant; funerals 1; number of families 5, adults 10, infants 9.

**Westover Parish, Charles City—W. T. LEAVELL, Rector.**—Communicants: added 2, removed 1, died 1, total 30; baptisms: infants, white 3; marriages 2, funerals 7 whites and 2 colored, total 9; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, \$245.

**Walker's and St. Ann's Parishes, Albemarle—E. BOYDEN, Rector.**—Communicants: removed 6, died 1, total 44; baptisms, infants, white 5; number of families 22; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, \$327.

**Grace and Wickliffe Churches, Wickliffe Parish, Clarke—RICHARD H. WILMER, Rector.**—baptisms, viz: white, infants 12, adults 2, total 14; marriages 12; funerals 10; communicants, added 10, died 2, removed 2, total white 83, colored 4—87; contributions to the different benevolent institutions connected with the Church, \$650.

**Washington Parish, Westmoreland—WM. MCGUIRE, Rector.**—Communicants 8; baptisms: white 2; funerals 1; families 15; amount collected for institutions of the Church, \$6 13.

This Parish was committed to my charge in October last, and since that time, I have officiated in the Methodist Church at Oak Grove, about once a month, for the greater part of the time, there being no Episcopal Church edifice in the Parish. The congregations have been gradually increasing, and are attentive to the services and preached word. A very commendable liberality has been displayed in endeavoring to build a Church at Oak Grove. So that the greatest part of a subscription for that object has been raised, and it is believed that by the next Convention, we shall be able to report the completion of another House of God. The prospect of usefulness in this Parish, is very encouraging. I preach to the colored people twice a month in the afternoon, and doubt not that the word of the Lord will, in time, bring forth its proper fruit among them.

**York, Hampton Parish, York—CHS. MINNIGERODE, Rector.**—Communicants: added 2, removed 1, total 9; baptisms: infants, white 3; funerals 2.

No money has been collected, except for the rebuilding of the Church. A sufficiency of funds being anticipated, a contract has been made, according to which the Church is to be built on its former site

and partly on the old walls, and to be completed within a short time. It is hoped, that this, with the blessing of God, will give stability to the congregation and tend to secure, through the activity of a Missionary, who can devote more time to this work than the present Rector, an influence not merely in the town but also the surrounding country. The Sunday School continues in a very flourishing condition.

Zion Church, Jefferson—ALEXANDER JONES, Rector.—Communicants: added 3, removed 10, died 4, total 80 white, and 4 colored; baptisms: infants, white 11, colored 6, total 17; marriages 4; funerals 10; number of families 80; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, \$250, for the Seminary \$720, which, after the pressure of building a new Church is relieved, will be increased, it is hoped, to at least one thousand.

Zion Church, Truro Parish, Fairfax—WM. F. LOCKWOOD, Rector.—Communicants: added 1, total 20; baptisms: infants white 2; marriages 2; funerals 5.

Elk Union and Buffalo Springs, Amherst—EDMUND CHRISTIAN, Rector.—I have officiated regularly in the above congregations, since the resignation of my charge in Cornwall Parish, Charlotte county.

These congregations, though not large, are serious and attentive and embrace valuable and interesting materials for building up the Church, and if the Minister is not greatly mistaken in his impressions, there is a strong and growing feeling among his hearers in favor of the principles and services of the Church. It is contemplated to erect a Church edifice in each of these neighborhoods as soon as sufficient means can be obtained for that purpose.

I have occasionally performed Divine service at other places when an interest in favor of our worship has manifested itself. Baptisms 5, all infants; marriages 2; funerals 1.

Report of WM. DUVAL, Missionary, Richmond City.—During the past year, the subscriber has been unavoidably absent for more than 5 months, but during this time, services were continued at the Armory, by Bishop Johns and other clergy, with considerable regularity. A vestry has been formed under favorable circumstances, which applies for admission to the present Convention.

At the Alms House, the communion has been administered once to 8 persons, all of whom give good evidence of piety. The Free School connected with this mission is in a very flourishing condition, having an average attendance of 70 pupils. Marriages 13; funerals 23. Besides the above services the subscriber has supplied St. Luke's Chapel, during the past summer and fall. On the whole, he feels greatly encouraged.

I am sorry, that I have nothing of interest or importance to report to this Convention. My field of labor is still in the county of Louisa. The congregations continue large and attentive. But during the past year, I have visited them but seldom. Sickness has confined me at

home more than two-thirds of the time—and, for the last six months, to my bed and chamber. I have attended 3 funerals and baptised 1 infant.

JNO. COOKE.

Report of the Principal of the Virginia Institute for the Deaf and Dumb, at Staunton.—I have been engaged the past year, as usual, in duty appropriate to the office which I hold, in endeavoring to elevate the intellectual, moral and religious condition of the deaf and dumb, not, I trust, without some measure of success. With this duty, and with occasional aid rendered to our parochial minister, my time has been fully occupied, during the week in school instruction; on Sunday, in conducting the worship of God for my pupils. Besides regular catechetical instructions, I officiate, from Sabbath to Sabbath, in prayer, in praise and in preaching as is customary in other congregations on the Sabbath day. All these ministrations are conducted in their own native language of signs, that all, even the new comers, may understand. It will not do to preach to the deaf and dumb, any more than to others, in an "*unknown tongue*," and such, for two or three years, is the English language to my pupils. Not a day is suffered to pass without careful explanation, in that language of signs, of a portion of God's holy word and comment upon it. This daily feeding upon the "sincere milk of the word," important to all, is inestimably important to the deaf and dumb, who come to me for a brief sojourn, wholly ignorant, and necessarily ignorant, of all that is comprised within the covers of the Bible. The congenital deaf mute is not, in a Christian country, so grossly and debasingly ignorant of religious things as many heathen are, but he is far more *darkly* ignorant of them. I beg my clerical brethren to remember this unquestionable fact, when they chance to meet an uneducated mute, and then exert themselves to have him placed in the *Mission School* at Staunton. In ignorance, he cannot be at all benefitted by their sacred ministrations. Educated here, he may be prepared, with heart and understanding, to receive and profit by their ministerial instructions. I was told by one of the most distinguished and eminently pious Presbyterian divines of Virginia, that, after a protracted and minute examination, he had received into the Church one of our former pupils, and that, in all his ministerial course, he had received no one with more entire satisfaction to himself. Such instances are not few in number. Many of our former pupils have united themselves, I trust piously and intelligently, with the respected denominations of Christians to which their friends belong. Our duties are arduous. Our responsibility is immense. But the reward of success is proportionably great. In the name of the Deaf and Dumb, "Thanks be to God, for his unspeakable gift."

JOSEPH D. TYLER.

Staunton, May 12th, 1848.

I officiated in Christ Church, in this City, for five months during the past year, from the first sickness of the late lamented Rector of the congregation, until the arrival of his successor. Since that period, I have, by preaching and otherwise, assisted the different Rectors of

this City and the neighboring town of Portsmouth, nearly every Sabbath. Baptisms 12, white 11, colored 1 funerals 13; marriages 3.

LEONIDAS L. SMITH.

Norfolk, May 18, 1843.



## ABSTRACT OF PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

## PARISHES AND CHURCHES.

PARISHES AND CHURCHES.	Communicants.				Baptisms.		Confirma- tions.		Families.	Contributions.		
	Added		Removed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total.		Color'd.				
	White.	Colored.				Adults.	Infants.	White.			Colored.	Adults.
Abingdon and Ware,	5	4				47	11	5	16	3	38	\$967 00
Antrim,	2	1			1	76	1	5	3	5	32	403 27 1/2
Beaver Dam Church,	12	3			3	25	3	20	4	7	38	15 00
Bath,	4	1			2	32	4	4	2	1	5	29 00
Brunton	6	6		1		68	9	21	4	5	2	242 7 1/2
Botetourt	8	1			1	41	4	9	2	3	3	106 00
Bloomfield,	1	1			1	20	5			1	1	17 38
Berkeley,	2	1				17	2	16	18	1	10	22 00
Cople, Westmoreland,						3						5 60
Cumberland,	3	1			2	46	4	4	1	2	5	50 00
Christ Church, Millwood,	2					58	1	3		3	2	497 00
Christ Church, Norfolk,	45	2			7	357	5	153	39	9	27	3529 04
Christ Church, Winchester,	8	5			1	90	3	3		1	3	56
Cornwall,							6					
Centurion Church,	5	5			16	16	2	10	1	1	8	113 00
Camden,	7	6			1	50	2	2	7	3	3	18 00
Christ Church, Charlottesville,	5	2			4	66	6	6		1	6	480 00
Christ Church, Middlesex,	5	5			1	10	5	9	14			81 00
Christ Church, Spotsylvania,	1											
Dale,	4	2			2	16	2	9	10	1	7	
Fairfax Parish, Christ Church,	10	14			3	125	2	12	30	1	2	50 00
Falls' Church,	10					8	6	6	2	7	9	840 00
St. Paul's Church,	1											
Grace Church, Petersburg,	10	9			2	151	26	26		4	6	1259 81
Henrico Parish, St. Paul's Church,	27	9			2	83	10	58	24	1	22	193 01
Monrovia Church,	19	17			4	239	20	23	17	7	17	2564 00
St. John's,	20	10			5	149	1	20	5	3	14	
	11	4				64	1	1	23	7	10	





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## OF THE CLERGY OF THE DIOCESE OF VIRGINIA,

WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE  
PARISHES AND POST OFFICES.

CLERGY.	PARISH OR CHURCH.	POST OFFICE.
Rt. Rev. WM. MEAD, D.D.		Millwood, Clarke.
Rt. Rev. J. JOHNS, D. D.		Richmond,
Adie, Rev. George	Shelburn Parish,	Leesburg.
Andrews, Rev. C. W.	Trinity Church,	Shepherdstown.
Armstrong, Rev. Wm.	St. Matthew's Church,	Wheeling.
Bulkley, Rev. O.	Lyttleton Parish,	Langhorne's, Cumberland.
Berkeley, Rev. P. F.	Raleigh and Dale Parishes,	Awelia Court House.
Bowers, Rev. Wm. V.	St. Martin's Parish,	New Amsterdam, Hanover.
Boyden, Rev. E.	St. Ann's & Walker's Par's,	Everettsville, Albemarle.
Banister, Rev. J. M.	Bath Parish,	Dinwiddie Court House.
Brown, Rev. R. Templeman	Norborne Parish, Berkeley,	Middleway, Jefferson.
Bryant, Rev. Wm. F.	St. Thomas' Church,	Middletown, Frederick.
Castleman, Rev. T. T.	Trinity Church,	Staunton.
Caldwell, Rev. D.	St. Paul's Church,	} Norfolk,
Cummins, Rev. G. D.	Christ Church,	
Chevers, Rev. M. L.	Centurion Church,	Old Point Comfort.
Chisholm, Rev. James	Norborne Parish,	Martinsburg.
Clark, Rev. John T.	Roanoke Parish,	Mt. Laurel, Halifax,
Cole, Rev. John	St. Stephen's Church,	Culpeper Ct. Ho:
Cooke, Rev. John	Officiating in Louisa,	Ætna, Hanover:
Coler, Rev. J. M.	Residing in Bedford,	Lynchburg.
Christian, Rev. Edmund	Residing in Amherst,	Amherst Court House.
Carraway, Rev. G. S.	Kingston p'sh, Math. & Mid. Urbanna.	
Dame, Rev. G. W.	Camden and Patrick p'shes,	Danville.
Dana, Rev. C. B.	Christ Church, Fairfax p'sh.	Alexandria.
Doughen, Rev. James	Residing in	Lynchburg.
Dalrymple, Rev. E. A.	Rector Epis. High School,	Theo. Seminary, Fairfax.
Disbrow, Rev. C. H.	St. Paul's Church,	Suffolk, Nansemond.
Denison, Rev. H. M.	Martin's Brandon parish,	Garysville, Prince George.
Duval, Rev. Wm.	Missionary.	Richmond.
Earnest, Rev. Joseph	St. Thomas' church,	Orange Court House.
Empie, D. D., Rev. A.	St. James' church,	Richmond.
Friend, Rev. Wm.	St. Peter's & Grace church's	Port Royal, Caroline.
Fisher, Rev. Andrew	St. James' Southam,	Sublett's Tavern, Powhatan.
Goodwin, Rev. F. D.	Nelson Parish,	Tye River Ware H., Nelson.
Goodwin, Rev. James	St. John's & Christ churches,	Wellsburg,
Grammer, Rev. John	Antrim parish,	Halifax Court House.
Gibson, Rev. C. J.	Grace church,	Petersburg.
Gillett, Rev. Charles	Missionary,	Houston, Texas.
Graham, Rev. Richardson		
Good, Rev. W. H.	St. John's Church,	Hampton.
Hill, Rev. John H.	Missionary,	Athens, Greece.
Hodges, Rev. William	Benton parish,	Williamsburg.
Hening, Rev. Edmund W.	Missionary	Africa.
Hoff, Rev. J. F.	Frederick parish,	Millwood.
Jackson, Rev. W. M.	Trinity, Meade parish,	Upperville, Fauquier.
Jackson, Rev. W. G.	Chaplain U. S. Navy,	Norfolk.
Johnston, Rev. James T.	St. Paul's Church,	Alexandria.
Jones, D. D., Rev. Alexander	St. Andrew's parish,	Charlestown, Jefferson.
Jones, Rev. W. G. H.	St. James ch., St George's ps,	Bellhaven, Accomac.
Keeling, Rev. Jacob		Suffolk, Nansemond.
Kinckle, Rev. W. H.	St. Paul's church,	Lynchburg.
Kinsolving, Rev. O. A.	St. Stephen's ch. Bedford	do
Leavell, Rev. W. T.	Westover parish,	Charles City Court House:
Lippitt, Rev. E. R.		Alexandria.
Locke, Rev. Thomas F.	Cumberland parish,	Macfarland's store, Lun'burg

Lockwood, Rev. W. F.	{ Falls church, Fairfax p'sh, } { & Zion ch., Truro parish, }	Fairfax Court House,
Mann, Rev. Charles	Abingdon & Ware parishes,	Gloucester Court House.
May, D. D., Rev. James	Prof. Theo. Seminary,	Theo. Seminary, Fairfax.
Meade, Rev. R. K.	Christ church,	Charlottesville.
Minnegerode, Rev. Charles		Williamsburg.
McCabe, Rev. James D.	Holston parish, Washington,	Abingdon.
McCabe, Rev. John C.	Newport parish,	Smithfield.
McElroy, Rev. J.	Trinity church,	Buchanan.
McGuire, D. D., Rev. E. C.	St. George's church,	Fredericksburg.
McGuire, Rev. J. P.	St. Ann's & S. Farnham ps.	Loretto, Essex.
McGuire, Rev. F. H.	St. James' church,	Bordton, Mecklenburg.
McGuire, Rev. E. B.	St. Paul's parish,	Old Church, Hanover.
McGuire, Rev. Wm.	Wash. & Cop. ps. Westm'd,	Oak Grove.
Meredith, Rev. W. C.	Tillotson parish,	Curdsville, Buckingham.
Nelson, Rev. Robert	Latimer parish,	Lexington.
Newell, Rev. C.	Chaplain U. S. Navy,	
Norwood, Rev. W.	St. Paul's church,	Richmond.
Nash, Rev. F. B.	St. Mark's,	Coalsmouth, Kanawha.
Norton, Rev. G. H.	Hamilton parish,	Warrenton.
Okeson, Rev. N. A.	St. John's church,	City Point, Prince George.
Packard, Rev. Joseph	Prof. Theological Seminary,	Theo. Seminary, Fairfax.
Payne, Rev. John	Missionary,	Africa.
Pendleton, Rev. W. H.	Leeds parish,	Leeds Manor, Fauquier.
Page, Rev. Carter		Ætna Hanover.
Perkins, Rev. E. T.	Missionary,	Parkersburg.
Slaughter, Rev. Philip		
Sale, Rev. Nelson	West Russell parish,	Davis' Store, Bedford.
Stringfellow, Rev. Horace	St. Paul's church,	Petersburg.
Sprigg, Rev. D. Francis	Meherrin parish,	Poplar Mount, Greenville.
Smith, Rev. Joshua		
Smith, Rev. George A.	Principal Fairfax Institute,	Theo Seminary, Fairfax.
Smith, Rev. Leonidas		Norfolk.
Sparrow, D. D., Rev. W.	Prof. Theological Seminary,	Theo Seminary, Fairfax.
Style, Rev. E. W.	Missionary,	China.
Temple, Rev. H. W. L.	Officiating in Essex,	Miller's Tavern, Essex.
Towles, Rev. John	Dettingen and Leeds pa'shes,	Millford Mills, Pr. William.
Tizzard, Rev. A. B.	Sapony,	Wilkinsonville, Chester.
Tyler, Rev. Joseph D.	Prin. Deaf & Dumb Institute,	Staunton.
Tompkins, Rev. S. D.	Missionary,	Weston.
Uford, Rev. J.	Hungar's parish,	Eastville, Northampton.
Ward, Rev. H. D.	Kanawha Parish,	Kanawha Court House.
Ward, Rev. W. N.	{ Lunenburg, Farnham and } { Cople parishes, }	{ Warsaw, Richmond co.
Wharton, Rev. D.M.	{ Berkely, St. George's and } { St. Margaret's parishes, }	{ Mt Pleasant, Spotsylvania.
Wharton, Rev. John A.		Liberty, Bedford.
Wingfield, Rev. J. H.	Trinity church,	Portsmouth.
Woodbridge, Rev. George	Monumental church,	Richmond.
Wilmer, Rev. J. P. B.	St. James Northam parish,	Penberton, Goodland.
Wilmer, Rev. R. H.	Wickliffe parish, Clarke,	Berryville, Clarke.
Wilmer, Rev. G. T.	Botetourt parish,	Fincastle.
Withers, Rev. Edmund	Albemarle parish, Sussex,	Goodwynsville, Dinwiddie.
Woods, Rev. H. W.		
Walke, Rev. Lewis	Lynhaven p'sh, Pr. Ann co.	Norfolk.
Webb, Rev. Wellington E.	Missionary,	Goodland Ct. House.
Walker, Rev. C.	Christ ch. Fred'ick pa.	Winchester.
Weed, Rev. Ambler	St. George's church,	Baileysville, Accomac.
Whittle, Rev. F. M.	Kanawha,	Kanawha Ct. House.
Wade, M. D., Rev. Anderson	Patrick parish,	Henry Court House.

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THE PARISHES OF THE DIOCESE OF VIRGINIA,  
WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE  
COUNTIES, CHURCHES AND MINISTERS.

<i>Parishes,</i>	<i>Counties.</i>	<i>Churches.</i>	<i>Ministers.</i>
Accomac,			
Gloucester,			Charles Mann
Halifax,		St. John's	John Grammer
Sussex,			E. Withers
Augusta		Trinity	T. T. Castlema
Dinwiddie		Sapony	J. M. Banister
Spotsylvania,		{ St. John's	D. M. Wharton
		{ Christ	
Bot. and Roanoke,			G. T. Wilmer
Williamsburg,			Wm. Hodges
Augusta,		Boydell chapel	
Madison,		{ Piedmont	
		{ Trinity	
Prince George,		{ St. Paul's	H. Stringfellow
		{ Grace	C. J. Gibson
King George,		Lamb's Creek	
Harrison,			
Westmoreland,			W. N. Ward
Lancaster		Christ	
Lunenburg,		{ St. John's	Thomas E. Locke
		{ St. Paul's	
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## APPENDIX.

## REPORT

Of the Committee on the revision of the Canons, as amended by the Convention in Norfolk, May, 1848.

## CANON 1—OF THE TRIAL OF A BISHOP.

The trial of a Bishop shall be on a presentment in writing, specifying the offence of which he is alledged to be guilty, with reasonable certainty as to time, place and circumstances. Such presentment may be made for any crime or immorality, for heresy, for violation of the constitution, canons or rubrics of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the United States, or of this Diocese. Said presentment may be made by the Convention, two thirds of each order present concurring; *provided* that two thirds of the Clergy, entitled to seats in said Convention, be present, and *provided also*, that two thirds of the Parishes and Churches, canonically in union with said Convention, be represented therein, and the vote thereon shall not in any case take place on the same day on which the resolution to present is offered. The Convention, making the presentment, shall by a concurrent vote appoint a committee of prosecution, to consist of three presbyters and three lay members of their own body, by whom the presentment shall be signed, in their official characters.

Such presentment shall be addressed to "the Bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States." It shall be the duty of the committee of prosecution to cause said presentment to be delivered to the presiding Bishop; who shall thereon be fully empowered to proceed to the trial according to the provisions made by the Canons of the General Convention.

The committee of prosecution shall attend the trial, and prosecute the same.

## CANON 2—OF THE TRIAL OF A CLERGYMAN, NOT BEING A BISHOP.

Sec. 1.—The trial of a Clergyman, not being a Bishop, shall be on a presentment in writing, specifying, with reasonable clearness and certainty as to time, place and circumstance, the crime or misdemeanor, by violation of the Canons or otherwise, charged; the said presentment to be made to the Bishop, either by the Convention, or by the vestry of the Parish to which the accused belongs, or by any three presbyters of this diocese, entitled to a seat in the Convention: the said vestry or presbyters pledging themselves to act as a committee of prosecution. If, however, the presentment be made by the Convention, then the Convention shall appoint the committee of prosecution, and furnish them with such instructions as may be deemed necessary.

Sec. 2.—Such presentment being made to the Bishop, and being accompanied by a further statement in writing of the names of the witnesses, and of the purport of their evidence, and by such documentary evidence as is relied on, the Bishop, unless the accusation

appears to him an insufficient cause of presentment in itself, or to be clearly unsupported by evidence, shall immediately proceed to the trial according to the following provisions. He shall nominate from among the Clergy entitled to a seat in the Convention, other than the members of the standing committee, eight presbyters, and cause a list of their names and a copy of the presentment to be furnished to the accused, or left at his last place of residence. Of the eight presbyters nominated as aforesaid, the accused may choose five, or in case of his refusal, or neglect for twenty days so to do, the Bishop shall select five, and the presbyters so chosen shall constitute a court for the trial of the accused. The Bishop shall also at the same time cause at least thirty days' notice of the time and place of the trial to be given both to the accused and to the parties presenting him; and also to the presbyters nominated as before provided.

Sec. 3.—The court shall appoint a President and Secretary—the first always from their own body.

Sec. 4.—If the accused appear, before proceeding to trial, he shall be called on by the court to say whether he is guilty or not guilty of the offence or offences charged against him, and on his neglect or refusal to answer, the plea of *not guilty* shall be entered for him, and the trial shall proceed, *provided*, that, for sufficient cause, the court may adjourn from time to time, and place to place, and *provided also*, that the accused shall, at all times during the trial, have liberty to be present, to produce his testimony, and to make his defence.

Sec. 5.—On the request of the accused, or the committee of prosecution, witnesses may be summoned, if before the meeting of the court, by the Bishop, if during the session of the court, then by its President. All testimony shall be given under oath or affirmation, administered by some officer, authorized by law. In case the testimony of any witness whose attendance on the trial cannot be obtained is desired, it shall be lawful for either party, at any time after notice of the presentment is served on the accused, to apply to the court, if in session, or if not, to the Bishop, who shall thereupon appoint a commissioner to take the deposition of such witness—And such party, so desiring to take the deposition, shall give to the other party, or some one of them, reasonable notice of the time and place of taking the deposition, accompanying such notice with the interrogatories to be propounded to the witness; whereupon it shall be lawful for the other party, within six days after such notice, to propound cross interrogatories; and such interrogatories and cross interrogatories, if any be propounded, shall be sent to the commissioner, who shall thereupon proceed to take the testimony of such witness, and transmit it under seal to the court. But no deposition shall be read at the trial, unless the court have reasonable assurance that the attendance of the witness cannot be procured, or unless both parties shall consent that it may be read.

Sec. 6. The court, having deliberately considered the evidence, shall, within ten days after closing the same, declare in a written judgment signed by them, or a majority of them, that the accused is guilty or not guilty of the charge, or charges, or any of them, laid in

the presentment, in the order therein set forth, and also, if guilty, what punishment shall be awarded; which judgment, with all the evidence received, shall be delivered forthwith to the Bishop, whereupon, unless the Bishop see cause to mitigate or remit the punishment, or to grant a new trial, he shall pronounce sentence according to the judgment of the court, and such sentence shall be final. In case a new trial is granted, a new court shall be constituted according to the provisions of this canon.

Sec. 7. If the accused shall neglect or refuse to appear before the court, when summoned according to Sec. 2d. of this Canon, and no defence be there made under his authority, the court shall declare him to be in contumacy, and report the same to the Bishop, and sentence of suspension from the ministry shall pass against him for contumacy; but the said sentence shall be reversed by the Bishop, if, within three calendar months, the accused shall tender himself ready, and accordingly appear to take his trial on the presentment; but, if he shall not so tender himself before the expiration of the said three months, the sentence of degradation from the ministry, for contumacy, shall forthwith be pronounced by the Bishop, who shall cause such sentence to be publicly read to the congregations of the Diocese, by the respective ministers thereof.

Sec. 8. If, at any time, the accused shall confess himself guilty of the matters charged in the presentment, or any of them, the court shall proceed to award the punishment and certify the same to the Bishop as herein before provided, who shall, unless he see cause to remit or mitigate the punishment, pronounce the sentence according to the Canons.

Sec. 9. All notices and papers contemplated by this canon, may be served by a summoner, or summoners appointed by the bishop, or by the court, when the same is in session, and the certificate of any such summoner shall be evidence of the due service of a notice or paper. The delivery of a written notice or paper to a party, or the leaving it at his last place of residence, shall be deemed a sufficient service of such notice or paper.

Sec. 10. The accused party may have the privilege of appearing by counsel, and, in case of the exercise of such privilege, but not otherwise, those presenting shall have the like privilege. If the party accused desire it, the trial shall be in public, and said party shall be entitled to a copy of the evidence, if he require it.

Sec. 11. In case of a presentment occurring during a vacancy in the Episcopal office, such presentment shall be made to the standing committee, who shall thereon take such steps as are by this canon enjoined on the Bishop; provided that, on receiving the proceedings and judgment of the court, they shall transmit the same to the Bishop of some other Diocese, who shall be requested, and is hereby authorized, to act thereon; and if he shall concur in opinion with the court he shall proceed to pronounce sentence accordingly.

### **CANON 3.--OF THE PROCEEDINGS IN THE TRIAL OF A**

## LAYMAN, AFTER REPULSION BY THE MINISTER FROM THE HOLY COMMUNION.

If any person, repelled from the Holy Communion, shall allege to the Bishop that injustice has been done, or if, notwithstanding he shall have professed himself ready and willing, in truth and sincerity, to comply with the requisitions expressed in the rubric, in order to be restored to the Holy Communion, his repulsion shall be continued; he may present his complaint in writing to the Bishop, setting forth the grounds thereof, and desiring that he may be restored to the Communion—and then the Bishop, unless he think fit to restore the communicant, from the insufficiency of the cause assigned by the minister, shall nominate two of the clergy and two of the laity, of whom the minister repelling shall select one of the clergymen and the communicant one of the laymen, and it shall be the duty of the two, thus chosen, to take without delay the evidence in the case, under oath and in writing, of such witnesses as may be produced by either of the parties, and to certify the same to the Bishop, who, thereupon, unless for his own satisfaction, or for good cause shewn by either of the parties interested, he shall desire further evidence, shall proceed to adjudge the case. If further evidence be required, it shall be obtained and certified, either by the same commission, or by another appointed in the manner above prescribed, as the Bishop may direct. And when such additional evidence is thus procured, the Bishop shall adjudge the case, and shall communicate his judgment whenever made to the minister repelling and to the communicant repelled, which judgment shall be final and conclusive: *provided* that, in case his judgment shall direct a further continuance of the repulsion, it shall nevertheless be subject to all the conditions and provisions of the rubric.

### CANON 4.

No communicant removing from one Parish or Church, within this Diocese, shall be enrolled as a communicant in any other Parish or Church, before presenting to the minister thereof a certificate of regular standing from the minister, or if there be no minister, from the vestry of the Parish or Church from which the communicant desires to be transferred.

### CANON 5—MINISTERS TO BE CAREFUL IN ADMITTING TO THE HOLY COMMUNION.

No minister shall enrol any persons as communicants in the Parish or Congregation under his charge, until he has conversed with them on the subject, or unless he shall be satisfied that they have been regular communicants in some other Parish or Congregation: nor shall he so enrol any one, who is known to deny the doctrines of the gospel, as generally set forth in the authorized standards of the Church.

### CANON 6.—COMMUNICANTS TO HAVE FAMILY WORSHIP.

It shall be the duty of every communicant in this Church, who is at the head of a family, to live in the daily exercise of family worship.

**CANON 7.—THE MEMBERS OF THIS CHURCH TO INSTRUCT THEIR FAMILIES IN THE PRINCIPLES OF RELIGION.**

The members of this Church shall instruct their families, as far as they are able, in the principles of the Christian religion. Parents and sponsors shall be careful to teach their children the solemnity and obligation of their baptismal vow, to cause them to attend the catechetical and other instructions of their minister; and, as soon as they are sufficiently instructed, and impressed with the importance and sacredness of their baptismal promise, shall take care that they come to the Bishop to be confirmed by him.

**CANON 8—OF THE DUE CELEBRATION OF SUNDAY.**

All persons within this Church shall celebrate and keep the Lord's Day, commonly called Sunday, in hearing the word of God read and taught, in private and public prayer, and in acts of charity, using all sober and godly conversation.

**CANON 9—OF VESTRIES, CHURCH-WARDENS, &c.**

§ 1. The vestries shall be chosen for each Parish in this Diocese, in the following manner. Every person above twenty-one years of age, resident of the Parish six months next preceding the day of election, being a pew holder or contributor to the charges of the Parish, shall have a right of suffrage in the election of vestry men, for such Parish; and all persons so qualified shall, on every Easter Monday, assemble in their respective Parishes, at the Parish Church, or if there be two or more Churches in any Parish, at the Church first built therein, and if there be in any Parish no such Church, then at such other place as the minister of the Parish, or if there be no minister, as any three or more vestry-men, or if there be not three vestry-men, as any three members of the Church may have publicly notified to the parishioners: and the said persons so qualified to vote, when assembled, or such of them as may assemble in each parish, shall proceed, by a majority of votes, to elect, by ballot, five or more vestrymen, not exceeding twelve, from among the parishioners qualified to vote, who, with the minister of the Parish for the time being, shall be the vestry of the said Parish, for the ensuing year, and continue in office until their successors shall be elected and qualified to act.

Sec. 2. If from any cause whatever, Easter Monday should elapse without any election of vestry-men, then the said election may be held on any other day appointed for the purpose, at any time thereafter, although it may be in any subsequent year, of which day notice shall be given by the minister, if there be any, in his Church, immediately after divine service, on two succeeding Sundays, and if there be no minister, by any two vestry-men, by writing, set up at the door of the Church, two weeks before the day of meeting.

Sec. 3. Every person chosen a vestry-man, shall, before he acts as such, subscribe the following declaration and promise:

"I do believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be the Word of God, and to contain all things necessary to salvation; and I do yield my hearty assent and approbation to the doctrines

and worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in these United States And I promise that I will faithfully execute the office of a vestryman of                  Parish in                  County, without prejudice, favor or affection, according to the best of my skill and knowledge."

Sec. 4. The vestrymen of each Parish, or a majority of those who shall attend, shall judge of the election of vestrymen, of the qualification of voters, and of the qualification of parishioners, proposed to be elected as vestrymen.

Sec. 5. If any vacancy happen in the vestry, or any elected shall refuse to serve, the other members shall have power to appoint a new member, or members, as the case may be, to serve till the succeeding election.

Sec. 6. The minister of the Parish, for the time being, shall preside in the vestry when present, collect the votes, and shall, upon an equal division of those present, have a vote, except in cases in which he is in any manner particularly interested. A majority of the whole number of vestry-men shall be necessary to constitute a quorum.

Sec. 7. Whenever a meeting of the vestry shall be necessary, it shall be called by the minister, but if there be no minister, or if he be absent or refuse or neglect to call a meeting, when requested to do so, by any two of the vestrymen, they may themselves summon a vestry.

Sec. 8. On every Easter Monday, after the election of vestrymen, the vestry shall proceed to choose from among the persons qualified to vote, two suitable persons to be church-wardens, for the ensuing year; and before the persons chosen act as such they shall subscribe a declaration of their belief in the Christian religion and a promise that they will faithfully discharge the duties of a church warden.— If church-wardens should not, from any cause, be chosen by the vestry on Easter Monday, they may be chosen at any subsequent meeting of the vestry.

Sec. 9. The vestry of every Parish shall provide a fit person as Register of the Parish,—whose duty it shall be to keep true and fair entries of the proceedings of such vestry. He shall also enter in a book, provided for the purpose by the vestry, all baptisms, marriages and funerals of free persons in the parish, by any minister of the Protestant Episcopal Church; and which may be made known to him by any of the said ministers or vestrymen of the Parish: and it shall also be the duty of said register in the entry of baptisms to insert the Christian names and surnames of the parents, with the dates of the baptisms and births of the persons baptized: and in the entry of marriages and burials, to insert the time of the celebration and the Christian and surnames of the persons married and the persons buried.

#### CANON 10.

Whereas the preceding canon, which directs the manner of choosing vestrymen in the several parishes, is not applicable to the case of churches built and supported by voluntary associations of individuals; and it is proper that those who hold the sole property of a particular Church—in the case of the Monumental Church, Richmond, and in all similar cases—should provide for its care and man-

agement, the choice of vestrymen shall be made by the pew-holders of the respective Churches, conforming as to the time of appointment and manner of qualifying the vestrymen to the regulations prescribed by the 9th canon, established by the present Convention, excepting in the case of the city of Norfolk, which, being under peculiar circumstances in relation to the number of trustees, the time and manner of electing them and the rector, is permitted to conform to their own regulations in those particulars.

#### **CANON 11—OF THE DIVISION OF PARISHES.**

**Sec. 1.** Whenever the members of the Church, residing in a particular portion of a Parish, shall desire to separate from the Parish of which they form a part, it shall be lawful for them to assemble, and appoint a committee to take such measures as may be necessary.

**Sec. 2.** The committee thus appointed shall give to the Bishop, and to the majority of the vestry (if there be one) of the Parish, from which they desire to be separated, a formal notice of their intention to apply for such purpose, which notice shall contain a description of the proposed line or lines of division, and shall be sent to the Bishop and said vestry, at least three months before the meeting of the Convention, to which the application shall be made.

**Sec. 3.** Said application shall be made, in the form of a petition to the Convention, and shall set forth the considerations which are supposed to render the division desirable—whereupon the Convention may, if they deem it expedient, proceed to divide said Parish, and to constitute the portion thereof applying for separation, a new Parish, with all the rights and privileges of other Parishes of this Diocese.

**Sec. 4.** As soon after the adjournment of the Convention as may be practicable, the committee aforesaid shall give at least two weeks notice to the members of the Church, residing in the new Parish, to assemble for the election of a vestry, which election shall be conducted, according to the directions contained in canon IX.

**Sec. 5.** The committee aforesaid, or a majority of those who may attend, shall judge of the qualification of voters and of the qualification of persons proposed to be elected, and of the election of vestrymen: and those persons whom said committee shall declare to be duly elected, shall be the vestry of said Parish, until the election and qualification of the succeeding vestry.

#### **CANON 12—OF THE FORMATION OF NEW CONGREGATIONS.**

When any number of persons belonging to any Parish or congregation, sufficient to build a house of worship, and provide for the support of a minister, shall choose to separate from the Parish or congregation, of which they have hitherto been a part, they may proceed, according to the directions given in the 11th Canon, except that in this case, the direction as to a line or lines of division is inapplicable. The Convention may, on such petition, constitute the applicants a separate congregation, and authorize, by special enactment, such peculiar provisions, as to the right of suffrage, the employment of a minister, or ministers, and the manner of holding and managing the property of such congregation, as they may propose, and the Conven-



tion deem expedient, provided that the time of electing, and the manner of qualifying vestrymen, shall always be conformed to the regulations prescribed in the 9th canon.

### **CANON 13—OF THE EVIDENCE OF THE APPOINTMENT OF LAY DELEGATES TO THE CONVENTION.**

The appointment of Lay Delegates to the Convention of this Diocese shall be certified by the Rector, Register, or Warden of the proper Parish, or Church, and said certificate shall be in form as follow:—

“This is to certify, that at a meeting of the Vestry, (or Trustees, as the case may be,) of            Parish (or Church,) in            County, held on the            day of            A. B., who is a communicant in said Parish, or Church, was appointed a Lay Delegate to represent the same in the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Virginia, to be holden on the            day of            in the year of our Lord,

RECTOR,  
REGISTER,  
or  
CHURCH WARDEN.

### **CANON 14—OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.**

Sec. 1. Any vacancy occurring by death, or otherwise, in the Standing Committee, shall be supplied by the concurrent vote of the remaining clerical members, and lay members of the committee.

Sec. 2. In case of a vacancy in the Episcopate, the powers and duties to be performed by the Bishop, as regards discipline, except the pronouncing sentence of deposition or degradation from the ministry, shall belong to, and be performed by the Standing Committee.

Sec. 3. The record of all the proceedings on a presentment of a clergyman or layman, shall be preserved by the Standing Committee, and for that purpose shall, after a final decision, be delivered to their Secretary.

Sec. 4. It shall be the duty of the Standing Committee, before every stated meeting of the General Convention, to draught, with the advice and approbation of the Bishop, a report of the state of the Church in this Diocese, to be presented to the General Convention.

Sec. 5. It shall be the duty of the Standing Committee, at every meeting of the Convention, to submit, in addition to the report of their proceedings, the documents also, which have been laid before them during the year.

### **CANON 15—A LIST TO BE MADE OF MINISTERS IN THIS DIOCESE.**

Within one week before every stated meeting of the Convention of this Diocese, the Bishop, or if there be no Bishop, the Standing Committee, shall prepare, or cause to be prepared, a list of all the ministers of the Protestant Episcopal Church, canonically resident in this Diocese, annexing the names of their respective cures, or of their stations as Missionaries, or of the Colleges, Academies, or other Seminaries of learning in which they are engaged, or in regard to those who have no cure, or are not engaged in missions, or institu-

tions of learning, as above, their places of residence only. And such list, corrected as herein after mentioned, shall be laid before the Convention on the first day of meeting, and the names of the clerical members called therefrom, and be appended to the Journal, and shall be transmitted to the Secretary of the General Convention.

Sec. 2. The list of the Clergy of this Diocese, so prepared by the Bishop or Standing Committee, and annexed, according to the changes which may occur, whether by death, ordination, discipline, or canonical removals from, or admissions into, this diocese, shall be evidence of a clergyman's having a cure or mission, or engagement in a seminary of learning. And no clergyman, while suspended from the ministry, shall have a place on said list.

Sec. 3. The right of any clergyman to a seat in the Convention shall, if disputed, be determined, according to the provisions of the constitution and canons, by the Convention itself, whether his name be inserted in the list aforesaid, or omitted.

Sec. 4. It shall be the duty of the Clergy to attend regularly at the meeting of every Convention. At the opening of the Convention, their names shall be called over, and absentees noted, and, at the ensuing stated Convention, they shall be required to give excuses for their absence.

#### **CANON 16.—OF CANDIDATES FOR ORDERS.**

If any candidates for orders in this Diocese shall be charged with any of the offences, for which a communicant may be subjected to discipline, or with having, without good and sufficient cause, desisted from his studies preparatory for ordination, the Bishop and Standing Committee shall carefully investigate the charge, and if satisfied that the offence alleged has been committed, the Bishop shall erase the name of the offender from the register, and inform him that he has ceased to be a candidate.

#### **CANON 17.—RESPECTING THE PROPERTY OF THE CHURCH.**

The vestries respectively shall hold all glebes, lands, parsonage houses, churches, books, plate, or other property, now belonging or hereafter accruing to the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Virginia, as Trustees for the benefit of the Parish, or Church, for whose use the same were or shall hereafter be purchased, or otherwise obtained, and may improve, demise, or otherwise dispose of the lands, or houses allowed for the ministers' habitation, or use, with the minister's consent; if there be no minister, with the consent of the Bishop, or in case there be no minister, and the Episcopal office be vacant, then not without the consent of the Standing Committee.—The Vestry may also use, improve, or dispose, of all personal property and the produce, rents and profits of lands and houses, (not appropriated for the occupancy and use of the minister) belonging to the Church, in repairing the Church, and parsonage houses for the benefit of the respective Parishes or Churches, and may make such rules and orders for managing the affairs and temporal concerns of their respective Churches and Parishes as they shall think most conducive to their interest and prosperity. They shall have the sole power of directing

the payment of money, belonging to the respective Churches and Parishes, and appoint a clerk, treasurer and collector, when necessary, all which proceedings, shall be entered in a well bound book, to be kept for that purpose. But when there are trustees under the act of the Legislature, passed Feb. 3rd, 1842, authorized to hold real property, such real property shall not be subject to the provisions of this canon.

**CANON 18—PROVIDING FOR THE EXPENSES OF  
THE DIOCESE.**

The vestry of each Parish or Church shall, at every annual Convention, pay to the Treasurer such sums as may be apportioned to them respectively, for the purpose of defraying such expenses as may be authorized by the Convention.

**CANON 19—OFFENDERS TO BE ADMONISHED, OR REPELLED FROM THE LORD'S TABLE.**

Any member of the Church, being a communicant thereof, conducting himself or herself in a manner unworthy of a christian, ought to be admonished, or repelled from the Lord's Table, by the minister of the Parish, or Church, according to the rubric; and gaming, attendance on horse racing and theatrical amusements, witnessing immodest and licentious exhibitions or shows, attending public balls, habitual neglect of public worship, or a denial of the doctrines of the gospel, as generally set forth in the authorized standards of the Church are offences for which discipline should be exercised. This enumeration, however, shall not be construed to include all the subjects of discipline in the Church, and in cases where it may be deemed expedient by the minister, or may be requested by the accused, the church warden, or either of them, if communicants, shall be summoned to assist the minister in ascertaining the facts of the case: *provided*, that if such warden or wardens shall fail or refuse to act within ten days, the minister shall proceed to act under the rubrics of this Church.

**CANON 20—REPEALING FORMER CANONS.**

All former Canons of this Diocese, not included in these Canons, are hereby repealed.

Your committee find on the Journal of the last Convention, p. 32, the following resolution.

*Resolved*, That the committee on Canons be requested especially to take into consideration the Canon or Canons in relation to the division of Parishes or formation of new ones: and also to enquire into the expediency of abolishing so much of the Canons as requires that the boundaries of Parishes shall be defined and report to the next Convention.

Your committee suppose that the division of Parishes and formation of new ones will be sufficiently provided for by the adoption of the Canons for such purposes, presented in the preceding report. And with regard to Parish boundaries, it will be perceived, by a reference to Canon XXXI, of the General Convention of 1822, that to abolish them entirely is not within the power of a Diocesan Convention. We might indeed do away with those to which we have been accustomed, and decline prescribing others, but this would only bring us within that provision of the general Canon which ordains that where no

boundaries are defined by law or otherwise, the city, borough, village, town or township laws shall be recognized for the purposes contemplated. As nothing would be gained by the change—such limits would be liable to be altered without any reference to parochial convenience, your committee are of opinion that the present arrangement ought not be abolished.

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*Form of a Bequest to the Trustees of the Theological Seminary of the Episcopal Church in Virginia.*

"I GIVE to A. B. and C. D., the survivor of them, or ex-  
 cutors, or administrators, of such survivors, (should such survivor  
 die before this will takes effect,) for the  
 Theological Seminary of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Vir-  
 ginia, to be paid to the Treasurer of such institution, and the re-  
 ceipt of the said A. B. and C. D., the survivor or executor, or ad-  
 ministrator of such survivor, shall be a sufficient discharge to my ex-  
 ecutor. And this legacy is to be paid by my executors, as above di-  
 rected, whether the person to whom the payment as above directed  
 is to be made shall be under any legal obligation to apply it as above  
 described or not; it being my intention, that no kindred or other le-  
 gatee of mine shall take or be entitled to, directly or indirectly, any  
 interest or trust in the said legacy, and the same shall at all events  
 be paid as directed, so that, if the person who may receive it shall  
 not voluntarily apply it to the use of the said Theological Seminary,  
 and cannot in law be compelled so to apply it, he shall take to his  
 own use the benefit of the said legacy."

In obedience to a resolution of the Convention, the following act of the Legislature is published, for the information of the Clergy and Laity.

### AN ACT

#### *Concerning conveyances or devises of places of public worship.*

[Passed February 3, 1842.]

1. *Be it enacted by the general assembly,* That where any lot, or part of a lot, tract or parcel of land has been heretofore conveyed or devised, or shall hereafter be conveyed or devised, to one or more trustees for the use and benefit of any religious congregation, as and for a place of public worship, the same, and all buildings, and other improvements thereupon, shall be held by such trustee or trustees, (and their successors) for the purposes of the trust, and not otherwise.

2. *And be it further enacted,* That where any conveyance or devise shall hereafter be made of such property for the use and benefit, and purpose aforesaid, the same shall not be void or frustrated by reason of the want of trustees to take and hold the same in trust; but trustees may be appointed in the manner hereinafter directed.

3. *And be it further enacted,* That where such conveyance or devise has heretofore been made to a trustee or trustees, or where such conveyance or devise shall hereafter be made, whether by the intervention of trustees or not, the circuit superior court of law and chancery of the county or corporation where such property is or may situate, shall, on application of the attorney for the commonwealth on behalf of the authorized authorities of any such religious congregation, have full power and authority to appoint trustees original where there were none, or to substitute others from time to time, in case of death, refusal or neglect to act, removal from the county corporation, or other inability to execute the trust beneficially and conveniently; and the legal title shall thereupon become exclusively vested in the whole number of the then trustees and their successors.

4. *And be it further enacted,* That a majority of the acting trustees for any such congregation may sue and be sued in their own name in relation to the title, possession or enjoyment of such property without abatement by the death of any of the trustees, or the substitution of others; but the action or suit may, notwithstanding, be prosecuted to its final termination in the names of the trustees by or against who the same was instituted, and all other proceedings had in relation thereto, in like manner, as if such death or substitution had not occurred: *Provided, however,* That such trustees for the use of any religious congregation shall not hereafter take or hold at any one time, any tract of land in the country exceeding in quantity thirty acres, or in any incorporated town exceeding two acres; nor shall such real property be held by them for any other use than as a place of public worship, religious or other instruction, burial ground and residence of their minister.

5. This act shall be force from the passing thereof.



The next Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church,  
of the Diocese of Virginia, will be held in St. Matthews Church,  
Wheeling, on the 3rd Wednesday in May, 1849.



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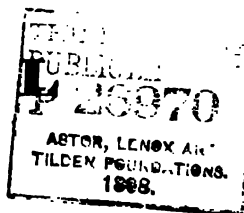
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***PLACES FOR THE MEETING OF CONVENTION.***

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ALEXANDRIA,	<i>Third</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>in</i>	<i>May,</i>	1850.
STAUNTON,	"	"	"	"	1851.
RICHMOND,	"	"	"	"	1852.
LYNCHBURG,	"	"	"	"	1853.
FREDERICKSBURG,	"	"	"	"	1854.
PETERSBURG,	"	"	"	"	1855.
WINCHESTER,	"	"	"	"	1856.
NORFOLK,	"	"	"	"	1857.
CHARLOTTESVILLE,	"	"	"	"	1858.

## RULES OF ORDER.

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1. The Convention shall be opened every day with prayer.
2. When the President takes the Chair, no member shall continue standing, nor shall afterwards stand up, except to address the Chair.
3. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the Convention, he shall rise from his seat and respectfully address himself to the President, and shall confine himself to the question under debate and avoid personality.
4. If any member in speaking, or otherwise, transgress the rules of the Convention, the President shall, or any member may, call to order, in which case, the member so called to order *shall* immediately take his seat, unless permitted to explain, and the Convention shall, if appealed to, decide on the case, but without debate; and if there be no appeal, the decision of the Chair shall be submitted to; if the decision be in favor of the member called to order, he shall be at liberty to proceed; if otherwise, and the case require it, he shall be liable to the censure of the Convention.
5. When two or more members happen to rise at once, the President shall name the member who is first to speak.
6. No member shall speak more than twice to the same question without leave of the Convention, nor more than once, until every member, choosing to speak, shall have spoken.
7. Whilst the President is putting any question, or addressing the Convention, none shall walk out of, or across, the house, nor in such case, nor when a member is speaking, shall entertain private discourse—nor, whilst a member is speaking, shall pass between him and the Chair.
8. No member shall vote on any question in the event of which he is immediately and particularly interested, nor in any case where he was not present when a question was put.
9. Upon a division and count of the Convention on any question, no member without the limits allotted as seats of the members shall be counted.
10. Every member who shall be in the house, when the question

is put, shall give his vote, unless the Convention, for special reasons, shall excuse him.

11. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be stated by the President, or, being in writing, it shall be handed to the Chair, and read aloud by the Secretary, before debate.

12. Every motion shall be reduced to writing if the President or any member shall require it.

13. After a motion is stated by the President, or read by the Secretary, it shall be deemed to be in possession of the Convention, but may be withdrawn at any time before decision or amendment.

14. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received but to adjourn, to lay on the table, for the previous question, to postpone indefinitely, or to a certain day, to commit to a committee, or to amend—which several motions shall have precedence in the order they stand arranged.

15. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, and shall be decided without debate.

16. The previous question shall be in this form—"Shall the main question be now put?" It shall be admitted only when demanded by a majority of the members present, and, until it is decided, shall preclude all amendments and further debate on the main question.

17. On the previous question there shall be no debate.

18. When a question is decided by the Convention or is postponed indefinitely, the same shall not be acted upon again during the session, without consent of two-thirds of the members present.

19. Any member may call for the division of a question, where the sense will admit of it, but a question to strike out and insert shall be deemed indivisible.

20. No new motion or proposition shall be admitted, under color of amendment, as a substitute for the motion or proposition under debate.

21. When a motion has been once made and carried in the affirmative or negative, it shall be in order for any member of the majority to move a reconsideration thereof, on the same or next day.

22. No member shall absent himself from the service of the Convention unless he has leave, or be sick and unable to attend.

23. The President shall, at his discretion, select suitable seats without the limit of those pews allotted for the use of members which shall be appropriated to the exclusive accommodation of visiting clergymen and candidates for orders, who may be invited by the rector or wardens of the church in which the meetings of the

Convention are held, under the direction of the President of the Convention; it being expected that those to whom such seats are appropriated will confine themselves to the same.

24. No spectator shall during the daily sessions of the Convention, be admitted above or within the pews allotted to the members of the Convention, and it is expected and hoped that not only the spectators will attend to this regulation, but that the rector and wardens of the church, in which the sessions of the Convention are held will see that this rule of order is not violated.

25. There shall, on the *second* day of the Convention, be appointed by the President, unless otherwise directed by the Convention, the following standing committees, to consist of an equal number of each order :

A committee on the state of the Church, to whom shall be referred the Addresses of the Bishop and Assistant Bishop, on the opening of the Convention.

A committee on the Fund for the support of Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen.

A committee on the Episcopal Fund.

A committee on the accounts of the Treasurer of the Missionary Society.

A committee on Parochial Reports.

A committee on the Admission of New Parishes.

A committee of Elections.

A committee of Finance, consisting of laymen.

26. The credentials of the Lay Delegates shall be handed in to the Secretary, and be referred to a committee of one clerical and two lay members, which shall report who are entitled to seats in the Convention: and if there is any doubt as to the right of any delegate to his seat, the same shall be referred to the Committee of Elections, to be by the said committee forthwith examined into and reported upon to the Convention.

27. When three members require it, the vote on all questions shall be by ayes and noes.

28. None of the Rules of Order shall be suspended without the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present.

29. The business first in order, after the organization of the Convention, shall be the appointment of a Treasurer *pro tem.*, when the Treasurer is not a member of the Convention; reading of the Pastoral Addresses; the proceedings of the Standing Committee and Parochial Reports.

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CHARLOTTESVILLE, MAY 16, 1849.

This being the day, appointed by the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Virginia, for the meeting of the Annual Convention of the said Diocese, the Right Reverend the Bishop and the Assistant Bishop, together with a number of the Clergy and Laity, assembled in Christ Church, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Morning prayer was read by the Rev. ROBERT NELSON and the Convention Sermon preached by the Rev. WILLIAM FRIEND.

The Convention then came to order, and the roll of the Clergy, entitled to seats, being called, the following gentlemen answered to their names:

Rt. Rev. WM. MEADE, D. D.

" " JOHN JOHNS, D. D.

Rev. C. W. ANDREWS,	"	C. J. GIBSON,
" C. E. AMBLER,	"	R. P. JOHNSTON,
" P. F. BERKELEY,	"	W. H. KINCKLE,
" WM. V. BOWERS,	"	O. A. KINSOLVING,
" E. BOYDEN,	"	T. E. LOCKE,
" T. T. CASTLEMAN,	"	C. MANN,
" G. D. CUMMINS,	"	R. K. MEADE,
" J. CHISHOLM,	"	C. MINNEGERODE,
" J. T. CLARK,	"	J. D. MCCABE,
" J. COLE,	"	J. C. MCCABE,
" J. COOKE,	"	J. McELROY,
" H. M. DENISON,	"	E. B. McGUIRE,
" W. DUVAL,	"	R. NELSON,
" A. EMPIE, D. D.	"	W. H. PENDLETON,
" W. FRIEND,	"	H. STRINGFELLOW,
" A. FISHER,	"	G. WOODBRIDGE,
" S. R. SLACK,	"	J. P. B. WILMER,
" G. A. SMITH,	"	G. T. WILMER,
" J. TOWLES,	"	E. WITHERS.
" A. B. TIZZARD,	"	J. UFFORD,

The Rev. JOHN T. CLARK, Col. FRANCIS H. SMITH and MARSHALL F. HARRIS, having been appointed a committee to examine the certificates of Lay Delegates, reported that the following

gentlemen had been duly elected, according to the Canons, by the Vestries of their respective Churches, to wit :

Ascension Church, Amherst—Marshall L. Harris.  
 Christ Church, Charlottesville—Chas. J. Merriwether,  
 Grace Church, Caroline—John Thornley, M. D., U. S. N.  
 Trinity Church, Portsmouth—Holt Wilson.  
 Trinity Church, Bedford—Nathaniel Floyd, M. D.  
 St. Thomas' Church, Orange—Uriel Terrill, M. D.  
 St. Paul's Church, Richmond—Thomas Nelson.  
 Bath Parish, Dinwiddie—D. W. Brodnax, M. D.  
 Rockfish Church, Albemarle—John B. Coles.  
 St. Peter's, New Kent—Francis Nelson.  
 Monumental Church, Richmond—Geo. D. Fisher.  
 St. James' Church Northam, Goochland—Wm. M. Bryce.  
 St. Mark's Church, Botetourt—Carey Breckenridge.  
 St. Martin's Parish, Hanover—Philip Nelson.  
 Grace Church, Lexington—Francis H. Smith.  
 St. Paul's Church, Norfolk—N. C. King, M. D.  
 St. Paul's Church, Lynchburg—Samuel W. Shelton,  
 St. Ann's Parish, Albemarle—Robert H. Carter.  
 St. John's Church, Louisa—Jas. Lindsay.  
 Grace Church, Petersburg—Josephus Hurt,  
 Woodville Parish, Botetourt—Otho W. Kean, M. D.

On motion, Clergymen of other Dioceses, and of this Diocese, not entitled to seats, and Students of the Theological Seminary, were invited within the bar of the Convention.

On motion, HOLT WILSON, Esq., was appointed Treasurer *pro tem.*

The Convention then took a recess.

HALF PAST 4, P. M.

The Convention assembled after recess.

The following Clergymen, not present in the morning, appeared and took their seats :

Rev. J. GRAMMER,	" J. H. WINGFIELD,
" G. S. WINGFIELD,	" WM. F. BRYANT,
" H. W. L. TEMPLE,	" W. T. LEAVELL,
" WM. F. LOCKWOOD,	" WM. SPARROW, D. D.
" J. P. MCGUIRE,	" C. B. DANA,
" WM. MCGUIRE,	" J. F. HOFF,
" H. S. KEPPLER,	" D. CALDWELL.



The Right Rev. Bishop Meade then read his report.

# BISHOP MEADE'S REPORT TO THE CONVENTION,

*At Charlottesville, May 16th, 1849.*

BRETHREN AND FRIENDS:—As required by the Canon, I present the following statement of my official acts, during the past year. At the close of our last Convention, I visited the congregations in Charles City and confirmed four persons at Westover Church. Proceeding to the congregations in Dinwiddie and Greenville, under the care of the Rev. Mr. Sprigg, I confirmed in the former and five in the latter, and consecrated a Church in the latter. Passing through Petersburg, I confirmed one person in private, by reason of extreme sickness. I then visited the congregations in the counties of Spotsylvania and Caroline, under the care of the Rev. Mr. Wharton, and confirmed two in the former and one in the latter. Thence I visited the congregations in Hanover and New Kent, under the care of the Rev. E. B. McGuire; thence to the congregation in Essex, under the care of the Rev. John P. McGuire, in one of which, seven were confirmed; thence to the congregations under the care of the Rev. Mr. Friend, in Caroline, in which four were confirmed; thence to Fredericksburg, where twelve were confirmed. At the close of the Seminary term, I admitted six of the Junior Class to Deacon's Orders. In the course of the summer, I visited the congregations in Fairfax county, also that at Leesburg, where seven were confirmed; also those in Fauquier, under the care of the Rev. Mr. Norton, and in one of them, that at Warrenton, confirmed eight. In the month of September, I visited the Western part of Virginia, and on my way, consecrated the new Church at Charlestown, Jefferson county, where I confirmed two persons. In the providence of God, that excellent structure was soon after consumed by fire, though it is gratifying to know that it will be replaced by another. At Wheeling, nine persons were confirmed; at Parkersburg and the vicinity, eight. The new Church at that place was not ready for consecration, but the Rev. Mr. Perkins was admitted to Priest's orders.—On my way to Kanawha, I visited the congregation at Mercer's Bottom, on the Ohio river, and at Buffalo, in each of which one was confirmed. I spent two days in the congregations at Coalsmouth and the vicinity, and three at Charleston and the Salines. At Charleston, six were confirmed and the Rev. Mr. Whittle admitted to Priest's orders. At Staunton, eight were confirmed.—Crossing the Blue Ridge, I proceeded to Norfolk, where I admitted the Rev. J. C. McCabe to Priest's orders in St. Paul's Church, and confirmed five in Christ's Church. Visiting Williamsburg, I confirmed one; consecrated the following day the new Church in York. Spent three days in Gloucester and two in Matthews county; also two in Middlesex, where two were confirmed; visited Lancaster and Richmond counties, confirming three; consecrated a new Church in Westmoreland, confirmed two persons at the Court

louse, where a Church is about to be erected. In the same county confirmed two persons at Oak Grove and admitted the Rev. William McGuire to Priest's orders. The new Church at that place is now complete. Confirmed one person at St. Paul's, in King George county. My fall visitation ended in Alexandria, here I admitted to Deacon's orders, at the request of Bishop Mcvaine, Mr. Nash, who belongs to the Diocese of Ohio. After spending the winter at home, I entered upon duty again on Easter Sunday, which was spent at Upperville, in the congregation of the Rev. William Jackson. Since then, I have been engaged in delivering lectures to the Junior Class, at the Seminary, and in visiting Williamsburg, Norfolk, Fredericksburg and Richmond. In Williamsburg, six persons were confirmed; in Fredericksburg, a new and excellent Church has been erected on the site of the old one, and the same was consecrated during my recent visit to that place.

To this narrative of Episcopal services, which always occupy more than six months of the year, I add a statement of letters dimissory given and received. I have received by transfer, the Rev. Mr. Phillips, Mr. Keppler, Mr. Holmead and Mr. Page, from Maryland. I have transferred the Rev. Mr. Flower and Mr. Hodges to Maryland; the Rev. Mr. Smith to North Carolina; the Rev. Mr. Wood to Tennessee. I have transferred the following candidates for orders:—Mr. Murray to Maine; Mr. Page to Kentucky; Mr. Berry to Georgia, and have received Mr. Tschudi from Pennsylvania. As to removals from one parish to another, I do not recollect any but those of the Rev. Mr. Denison from Prince George's Parish, Williamsburg, and the Rev. Mr. Tompkins from Campbell county to Weston, in Lewis county. So very few have such removals hitherto been in this Diocese, that I have not felt called upon to report them, and sincerely hope that no occasion may ever arise for complaint and remonstrance, as to that which all must regard as a great evil in the Church, viz: frequent removals.

Having thus, in compliance with canonical requisition, given an account of my official acts during the ecclesiastical year just ended, I proceed, very briefly, to allude to three subjects in which we all are interested. 1st. I would refer to the vacant parishes, or missionary stations, in the Diocese, and to the Deacons who may be at the disposal of the Bishop during the year. By the regulations of the Church, the Deacons, during the time of their probation, are placed at the disposal of the Bishop. It is the duty of the Bishop, in the exercise of this right, to consult the best interests of those destitute parishes which may desire his aid in obtaining a supply. In order, however, to perform his part most effectually and to do justice to the Deacons, the Bishop must, in due time, receive distinct and certain applications from the vestries, declaring their willingness to receive, for one year, such Deacon as they may think proper to send and state the amount of support which they will give, payable semi-annually or quarterly.

In the month of July next, it is expected that there will be a number of young Deacons, who either at once, or in a month or two, will be ready to enter on duty, and those vestries, who desire a supply from this source, can be furnished by complying with the above requirement before the 10th of July. Letters, addressed to me at any of the places where I may be performing Episcopal duties, in the meantime, or to Alexandria by that time, will be attended to. The silence of vestries will be considered as proof that the aid of the Bishop is not desired. It is, of course, understood, that no obligations rest on either the vestry or Deacon thus sent, to continue the arrangement beyond one year.

2d. I would call the attention of my brethren in the ministry, and of parents and sponsors, to the duty of instructing the children under their care, in the Church Catechism, according to a canon of the Church. From my first entrance on the ministry, I have ever observed this rule myself and found it to be a most useful and interesting exercise. In order to render it as easy, interesting and profitable, as possible, to ministers, parents and children, enlarged explanations of the Catechism have been often put forth for the last three hundred years, that is, from the first adoption of the Catechism. During the past year, I have, with great care, examined a number of these, and selecting such as seemed to me most excellent, have adapted them to our country and our American Church, and caused the same to be printed in two small and cheap volumes, together with a third, introductory to the same. I shall be much disappointed if they are not applied to the use for which they have been selected, prepared and published. In the case of ministers living in cities and villages, where the children and young ones are readily collected together in Sunday schools and Bible classes, surely there can be no difficulty in occasional examinations of them in the Church Catechism, after they have prepared themselves for it by the use of these explanatory treatises, which may also be helps to both parents and ministers, in the performance of their parts. As to the country congregations and the scattered families of the Church, even should it be impracticable to have public recitations of the Catechism and improvements of the same by the minister, which, however, cannot be said of many of them, still much may be done by parents and children at home, in the study of the Catechism, with such helps as are thus afforded them. I have endeavored to do my part and leave it to the parents and pastors to do theirs.

3rd. I call your attention to an instrument of good in the Church, which cannot be neglected without injury to the cause of truth. I allude to our Diocesan paper, which needs more effectual support than it has recently received, not only to its usefulness, but to its continued existence. That it is well conducted is, I believe, universally admitted by those who read it; but is such acknowledgement of its excellency of itself a sufficient remuneration?

tion to the worthy brother who devotes his time and talents to the work? Were he abounding in the goods of this world, and had he none dependent upon him for support, I am sure he would delight to render himself useful in this way without compensation. But it is otherwise with him, and surely all of us, his brethren and friends, should feel bound to contribute our share to the work, by promoting, as far as in us lies, the increased circulation of the paper. Can we not, before we separate, pledge ourselves as individuals, either that we will be bound for a certain number of additional subscribers, or, at least, that we will use our very best efforts to obtain that number. An earnest endeavor on the part of each minister and one layman in each parish, will, I doubt not, effect the desired object. As one consideration recommending our Diocesan paper, let me mention the fact, that there is now, in a course of publication, and will, I trust, long continue to be, a series of plain sermons, especially addressed to servants, which, properly used in families, must render it peculiarly suitable to the members of the Church in Virginia. I could wish that I were not in duty bound to add one other reason why I feel desirous that a paper, advocating the religious views which it does, with great decision, and yet with dignity and true charity, should be well sustained in this Diocese. It is needless to shut our eyes to the fact, that serious error is industriously propagated throughout our American Church, by various instrumentalities, particularly by the press. We have reason to be most thankful to our Great Head, that we have thus far, to so great an extent, been prevented from the contagion. But error in religion, like contagion or disease in the atmosphere, is most subtle and dangerous, and cannot be too carefully guarded against. The free circulation of books and papers, of every size and character, and the constant intercourse between christians of every part of our land, greatly contribute to the wide spreading of false doctrine, which unfortunately finds, in every part of the world, too many who are ready to receive it. As one safe guard to yourselves and children, against the corruption of our holy religion, by those who would approximate our Church, once more, to that communion which was renounced at the Reformation, let me, therefore, commend to your patronage our Diocesan paper as it is now, and I trust, ever will be conducted.

WILLIAM MEADE, D. D.,  
Bishop of the Protestant E. Church of Va.

The Right Reverend the Assistant Bishop, then read his report:

#### BISHOP JOHNS' REPORT.

In enumerating the services rendered, during the past year, it

may be proper to commence with those performed at Norfolk and its vicinity, whilst in attendance on the Convention.

May 19—At six o'clock, A M., I lectured in Christ Church.

May 20—At the same hour I lectured in St. Paul's and confirmed five.

May 21—At the same hour, I lectured again in Christ Church and confirmed seventeen.

I also baptized, in private, the infant daughter of the Rev. F. D. Goodwin. In the afternoon, at Trinity Church, Portsmouth, I confirmed three.

May 23—I left Norfolk to visit the congregations south of James River. In the morning I preached in St. Paul's, Suffolk, and at night, after sermon by the Rev. Mr. Wingfield, I addressed the congregation and confirmed five.

May 24—I preached in the Church at Chuckatuck.

May 25—Morning and night I preached in the Church at Smithfield.

May 26—Accompanied by the Rev. John C. McCabe, I went to Southampton and on the next day reached Jerusalem, and after sermon by the Rev. Mr. McC., I addressed the congregation.

May 28—In the morning I preached at the same place and baptized an infant, and in the afternoon, after a sermon by the Rev. Mr. McC., I again addressed the congregation.

The services at Jerusalem were well attended and so marked by deep interest on the part of the people, that we regretted our inability to remain longer with them. It is greatly to be desired that this portion of the Diocese should have a settled minister.—The materials are ample and the spirit of the people encouraging for the formation of a promising congregation. An active, faithful young man, would find in that region a wide field for usefulness.

May 29—Preached in Immanuel Church, Sussex. Here, as in Southampton, our people are without a minister and unless through the aid of the Missionary Society, some provision is made for their supply, it is to be feared the congregation will soon be numbered among the things which were.

June 4th—In the morning I read prayers in St. Paul's, Richmond, and at night preached in the same Church.

June 10—I left Richmond to visit the Churches in Albemarle, Louisa, Orange, Madison and Culpepper.

June 11—I preached in the morning in Christ Church, Charlottesville, and confirmed three. At night, I preached in the Chapel of the University.

June 13—I preached in the Church at Green Mountain and confirmed three.

June 14—I preached in Trinity Church, North Garden.

June 15—I preached in St. Paul's, M. Plains.

June 16—I preached in the Church at Buck Mountain and confirmed one.

To these Churches, of which the last three were then vacant, I was conveyed by the Rev. R. K. Meade, to whom I was indebted for most acceptable aid in the services performed. I am happy to say, that those vacant parishes have since been supplied by the Rev. Mr. Slack, of our Theological Seminary.

June 18—I preached at Walker's Church and confirmed one.

June 20—I preached in St. John's, Louisa.

June 21—I preached in St. Thomas', Orange, and confirmed ten.

June 22—I preached in the Church at Madison Court House and confirmed three. The same afternoon, accompanied by the Rev. Mr. Earnest, who had recently taken charge of these congregations, I rode 12 miles up among the mountains of Madison, to visit a lady who had, for some time, been solicitous to ratify her baptismal vows and to partake of the memorial of the precious death and sacrifice of her Lord and Saviour, but had been prevented by ill-health. We found her extremely low, but hungering and thirsting for the spiritual privileges of the Church. That same night, in the stillness and solemnity of her chamber, as she lay helpless on her bed, and her niece kneeled at its foot, I administered to them both the Apostolic rite of confirmation, and he next morning we united in "the most comfortable communion of the body and blood of Christ." The whole scene was deeply impressive, and though we had reached the retired spot by a rough road and through a pelting rain, the weariness and exposure were soon forgotten in the spiritual refreshment of the visit.

June 23—Returned to Trinity Church. As it was then undergoing repairs, we were accommodated in another building, in the immediate vicinity, where I preached, and, in the afternoon, rode 10 miles to Orange Court House.

In Rappahannock county there are several members of our communion, who are exceedingly solicitous that the services of the Church should be extended to them. They met me in Madison, with their earnest petition, stating what they were prepared to do, (and it was according to their ability,) and praying for aid, that they might be gratified in their pious wishes. To receive such importunate applications and not be able to meet them at once, as we desire, is among the painful trials incident to Episcopal visitation. We do trust that the increasing liberality of our contributions to our Missionary Society, and the blessing of God on our Theological Seminary, will soon put it in our power to supply every such destitute portion of this extended Diocese with the ministry of God's word.

June 24—I rode to Culpepper Court House.

June 25—In the morning I preached in St. Stephen's Church and confirmed nine. At night I preached again in the same church.

June 27—I preached in St. James' Church, Culpepper, so completing the appointments for that visitation.

July 2—I preached in St. Paul's, Richmond.

July 9—I preached in St. Paul's, Alexandria, and confirmed ten.

July 11, 12 and 13—I was engaged in attending the examination of the Theological Seminary.

July 12—In the Chapel of the Seminary I preached the annual sermon for the Alumni Society.

July 16—I preached, in the morning, in Christ Church, Alexandria, and confirmed nine; and at night, I preached in Christ Church, Georgetown.

My next visitation was in the valley of the Shenandoah and its vicinity.

July 22—I preached in St. Thomas' Church, Middletown, Frederick county.

July 23—In the morning I preached in Christ Church, Winchester, and confirmed nine. At night, in the same Church, after sermon by the Rev. Mr. Hoff, I again addressed the congregation.

July 25—I preached in the Church at Millwood.

July 26—I preached in the Church at Berryville, which had just been altered in its arrangements so as to accommodate more and improve its appearance.

July 27—I preached at Wickliffe and confirmed nine.

July 29—In the new Church at Charlestown, though not yet sufficiently finished for consecration, I preached and confirmed three. The loss experienced by this congregation, in the destruction of their beautiful building by fire, a short time after its dedication, is well known to the Diocese, and must have awakened that christian sympathy which will express itself by liberal aid in the effort now making to erect another Church.

July 30—I preached in Trinity Church, Shepherdstown, and confirmed four.

July 31—In the morning I preached in Trinity Church, Martinsburg, and also at night, confirming three.

August 1—I preached in Mt. Zion Church, Hedgesville.

August 2—In Calvary Church, a very neat log building, at Back Creek, I preached and confirmed one, and the same evening crossed the North Mountain to the vicinity of my next appointments.

August 3—I preached in the Church at Bunker's Hill, and confirmed one.

August 4—I preached at Smithfield, thus completing my engagements in that section of the Diocese.

August 6—I preached in All Saints', Fredericktown, Maryland.

August 13—I preached in Immanuel Church, New Castle, Delaware.

August 17—I preached in Zion Church, Fairfax county, and also, the same evening, and the next morning, after sermon by the Rev. Mr. Gassaway, I addressed the congregation.

August 19—I preached at Middleburg and confirmed five.  
 August 20—I preached at Upperville.  
 August 22—I preached at St. James' Church, Leesburg.  
 August 28—I preached in Christ Church, Georgetown.  
 September 3—I preached in St. John's, Georgetown.  
 September 10—I preached in Christ Church, Baltimore.  
 September 17—I preached in the Church at Little Falls and confirmed three.  
 October 2—I left Richmond to visit the Churches in Nelson Amherst, and several of the counties south of James River.  
 October 4—I preached in the Church at New Market.  
 October 5—I preached in Trinity, Nelson county.  
 October 6—I preached in the Church at New Glasgow, and the same evening, at Amherst Court House, after sermon by the Mr. Kinckle, I addressed the congregation.  
 October 7—I consecrated Ascension Church, at Amherst Ct. House, baptized an infant and preached. Immediately after the services, which were held at an earlier hour than usual, I went to Rucker's Church, and preached. In the afternoon of the same day, I baptized a child at the residence of Mr. Tinsley.  
 October 8—I preached in the Church at Pedlar Mills.  
 October 9—In St. Paul's, Lynchburg, after sermon by the Rev. Meredith, I addressed the congregation and confirmed one. The night I preached in the same Church.  
 October 10—I preached in Trinity Church, Bedford, and confirmed one.  
 October 11—I preached in St. Stephen's.  
 October 12—Although I had no appointment at Campbell Court House, yet the solicitations to have service there were so strong, that I did not feel at liberty to refuse, and accordingly, I preached there at night. We were accommodated in a large hall in their new Court House, which was well filled by an attentive congregation. I learned that a sum, nearly sufficient for the erection of a Church, had been secured, and I hope that, on the next visitation, a suitable building will be ready for consecration.  
 October 13—I preached in St. John's, Campbell, and baptized an infant. The same evening, accompanied by the Rev. Mr. Livingston, I passed on to Staunton River, where, though I had the good lady who, on former visits, had greeted me so kindly, we were cordially welcomed and hospitably entertained by Mr. Pannill. The next morning he considerably provided for our journey and furnished us with a sketch of the road, which enabled us to reach our next stage, in Pittsylvania, without mis-

our way to the Court House, we called at the residence of the late Mrs. Coles, whose house has, for many years, been as a home to the Bishops and Clergy, and whose intelligence and ma-



turity in the faith, made it a privilege to be her guest. A few months before my arrival, her long life of exemplary piety and usefulness had terminated in a hopeful and happy death. As I looked in upon the chamber, where, upon former occasions, I had been permitted to take counsel with her and commune in the Lord, I could but think of the glorious fellowship to which she has passed and pray that her numerous descendants, who have witnessed her walk and conversation, may drink of the same spirit—follow her blessed example, and be partakers with her of the heavenly inheritance.

October 14—At Pittsylvania Court House, after sermon by the Rev. Mr. Kinsolving, I addressed the congregation.

October 15—In the same Church, I preached and confirmed three.

October 17—In the Church at Henry Court House, I preached in the morning and confirmed one. At night I preached again.

October 19—I preached in the Church at Danville.

October 21—I preached in the Church at Catawba, Halifax.

October 22—I preached in St. John's, Halifax Court House, and confirmed six; also in the afternoon, after sermon by the Rev. J. T. Clark.

October 23—I preached in the Brick Church, Halifax county.

October 24—I preached at Charlotte Court House.

October 25—Accompanied by the Rev. Mr. Clark, I proceeded to Lunenburg. By the way, we passed an hour in conversation and prayer, with Capt. Pettus, an aged member of our communion, who now, in addition to other infirmities, is deprived of sight. We found him almost alone in his religious associations, but unshaken in his attachment to the Church, and waiting for the hour when he hopes to see with an eye which shall never be dimmed.

October 26—I preached in St. Paul's, Lunenburg. In the afternoon I turned aside with my travelling companions, from our direct road, to visit a gentleman who was near his end, and being much concerned on the subject of religion, desired us to visit him. We spent some time at his house in those services which God has appointed and promised to bless. We left him, but without hope that the interview had helped to obviate difficulties in his way to the presence and favor of Him before whom he was soon called to appear.

October 27—I preached in St. John's, Lunenburg, and confirmed one.

October 28—I preached at the Old Church, Mecklenburg, and confirmed three.

October 29—I preached in St. James', Boydton, in the morning, and in the afternoon, by request, preached in the Chapel of Randolph and Macon College.

October 30—I preached in St. Andrew's Church.

October 31—I preached in St. Luke's Church and confirmed 2.

By hastening from this, my last appointment, to the nearest station on the North Carolina Rail Road, and travelling all night, I was enabled to reach Petersburg in time to avail myself of the steamer down the river, on the next morning, and so to join Bishop Doane at Williamsburg. My design, in this forced journey, was to confer on a subject which, in its proper place, will be submitted for your consideration.

When at Halifax Court House, I received a letter from the Rev. Mr. Norwood, informing me that his health demanded a suspension of his ministerial duties for some months, and that the vestry of St. Paul's had resolved to invite me to take the rectorship during his absence. On my return to Richmond, the invitation was formally presented. I had formed my plans for employment during the winter, and, among other things, was very desirous to attend to the formation of a congregation of coloured people, and, as St. Paul's Church had been offered to us for the purpose, the opportunity seemed to be peculiarly favorable. Yet, when I considered the lateness of the season; the impossibility of obtaining a suitable salary; and the evil of closing the Church during the winter, there was no alternative. I abandoned my favorite project for the time, accepted the invitation of the vestry, and entered, at once, on the full duties of the rectorship, in which I have been engaged since the period of starting to the Convention. It is scarcely necessary to say that I should occupy your time and fill the pages of the Journal with a detail of the services thus rendered. It will be sufficient to mark, that my regular duties consisted in preaching twice on Sundays, lecturing on Wednesday nights, and conducting the exercises of a Bible Class on Fridays; that, during Lent, another religious service was added, and that, in Passion Week, I was engaged every day in some one of the Churches in Richmond. Meanwhile, my Episcopal services were as follows:

Nov. 26—In St. Paul's, Richmond, I admitted to the Priesthood Rev. John Howard Smith. The service was read by the Rev. Mr. Duval; the candidate was presented by the Rev. Mr. Norwood. Communion in the imposition of hands. Sermon by myself.

Dec. 17—In St. James' Church, Richmond, I confirmed three.

Dec. 19—I preached in Grace Church, Petersburg, and confirmed eight.

January 3—In St. Paul's Church, Richmond, I admitted to the Holy Orders the Rev. Daniel Francis Sprigg. Service was read by the Rev. C. J. Gibson, who also presented the candidate. Sermon by the Rev. Mr. Woodbridge.

February 27—I went to Petersburg to hold an Ordination, but, in consequence of some misapprehension, the presence of two Presbyters could not be obtained and the service was postponed.

March 8—In the Monumental Church, Richmond, I admitted

the Rev. N. A. Okeson to the Priesthood. Service by Rev. Dr. Empie. Sermon by Rev. Mr. Keppler, who, with the Rev. Mr. Woodbridge, united in the imposition of hands.

April 1—In the Monumental Church, I preached and confirmed eleven, two being from St. Paul's Church.

April 6—Good Friday, in St. James' Church, Richmond, I preached and confirmed twelve, two being from St. Paul's Church.

April 10—I went to Petersburg in the morning. In the afternoon, I preached in Grace Church and confirmed six. At night, I preached in St. Paul's and confirmed ten.

April 11—I preached at Old Point Comfort, in the Centurion Church, and the next morning baptized an infant.

April 12—At night, I preached in Christ Church, Norfolk, and confirmed seven.

April 13—I crossed to the Eastern Shore, to visit the Churches in Northampton and Accomac.

April 14—I preached in Christ Church, Eastville.

April 15—I preached in Hungar's Church. The Rector of these Churches I found confined to his room by sickness, and, as there was no other minister to aid, in both the service was performed by myself.

April 16—I consecrated St. Michael's Church, Bellhaven. The sentence of consecration was read by the Rev. Mr. Weed. Service by the Rev. W. G. H. Jones. Sermon by myself. This is the first Church erected in this vicinity. It was commenced under circumstances which seemed to forbid the attempt as impracticable, and has succeeded, under the blessing of God, by the persevering efforts and personal labor of the minister, who not only labored to incite others, but worked on the building with his own hands.—Such zeal deserves its reward, and, in this case, it has been gained, not only by accomplishing what every one else deemed impossible, but by finding a respectable congregation already assembling in the neat and appropriate building which has been so laudably erected.

April 17—I preached in St. George's Church, Pongateague. This Church is under the care of the same minister, and bears witness to the same resolute energy. It is one of the old Churches of the Diocese, of singular structure, but originally well built. It had, however, been much neglected. When I visited it, some three years since, it was greatly dilapidated, its windows out, its glass broken, and looking, altogether, comfortless and deserted. It has recently been glazed, cleaned, painted, and, even if the further improvements in contemplation should not be made, the repairs already effected have rendered the venerable building once more a decent place for the services of our holy religion. I note with pleasure these particulars for the encouragement of others to emulate the self-denial and activity which have produced these creditable changes, and because I trust this decorous attention to the material, is a token and a pledge of diligence and zeal in con-

nection with the spiritual, building, the blessed effects of which are soon to be manifest.

April 18—I preached at Drummondtown and left there in the afternoon, at an early hour, to visit a worthy member of our communion, who has, for several years, been providentially prevented from attending the public services of the Church.

April 20—I crossed the bay to Norfolk and, at night, preached in St. Paul's Church and confirmed four.

The next day I returned to Richmond.

April 22—I preached in St. Paul's, and on Monday left home to visit several of the Churches in Hanover, Spottsylvania and Caroline.

April 23—I preached in the Fork Church, Hanover, and confirmed four.

April 25—I preached in St. John's, Spottsylvania. A steady rain, which continued through the day, prevented the arrival of the conveyance on which I relied for reaching Christ Church. I was, therefore, obliged to return without meeting the appointment there and at St. Margaret's, Caroline. This, however, was the less to be regretted, as the continued rain must have prevented the assembling of a congregation at both Churches.

I had made my arrangements for visiting the congregations at Staunton, Weston and Clarksburg, on my way to the Convention, at Wheeling, and designed leaving Richmond, with that view, on the 8th of May; but, on receiving notice that the place for the meeting of the Convention was changed, I found that it would not be practicable for me to return to Charlottesville, in time for its session, if I fulfilled those appointments. I was, therefore, reluctantly compelled to revoke them for the present, and, as the interval was too short to make others elsewhere, I have been occupied in the usual services in St. Paul's, Richmond.

I now proceed to submit to the consideration of the Convention the subject to which I alluded in a previous part of this report.

In the month of November last, I received a communication from the Hon. John Tyler, Rector of the Board of Visitors of William and Mary College, informing me that, at their recent meeting, in October, they had appointed me President of the College and Professor of Moral Philosophy, to take effect on the first of July next. As immediate action was not required on my part, and as it was now made under circumstances which gave it an aspect very different from that of the overture of 1847, I deemed it my privilege, and but due to the Church in this Diocese, to wait and take their counsel, before forming my own decision. My reply to the communication from the Rector, therefore, was as follows:

"My relation to the Protestant Episcopal Church, in this Diocese, is such, that it would not be proper for me to act, on this important appointment, without first availing myself of the counsel of our Convention. This I will take in May next. If, in the opinion of

that body, I ought to accept the office to which the Board of Visitors have called me, I should not feel at liberty to decline the responsible service."

I have recently received another communication from the Rector of the College, enclosing a copy of certain proceedings of the Board of Visitors, to be laid before this Convention, which I now present:

**"RESOLUTIONS AND ADDRESS** of the Board of Visitors of William and Mary College, adopted at a meeting held on Wednesday, the 17th of April, 1849, in the city of Williamsburg, and ordered to be transmitted to the Convention of the Episcopal Church of Virginia, through the Right Rev. JOHN JOHNS, D. D.:

**"WHEREAS**, at a meeting of the Board of Visitors of William and Mary College, in the month of October, 1848, the Right Rev. John Johns was elected to the Presidency of the same: and, whereas, it is understood that he has determined to refer the question of his acceptance to the Episcopal Convention about to assemble,—therefore,

**"Resolved**, That this Board transmit, through the President elect, to the Convention, the following expression of their views and wishes; in the hope that it may influence that body to consent, though it should only be for a limited period, to the surrender of such portions of the time of Bishop Johns as the present exigencies of the College demand, and the Episcopal Church may be able to spare, without injury to herself.

**"The** Board of Visitors, having regard to the charter and early history of the College, and the religious opinions and ecclesiastical connections of a long line of Presidents and Professors, and desirous to enlist the ministers and members of the Episcopal Church of Virginia more actively in its behalf, have been induced to invite the Right Rev. Bishop Johns to a chief place in its government, confident that his zeal and abilities will render most effectual service in the efforts to place it on the best foundation of which it is capable.

**"While**, however, the Visitors thus invoke the special co-operation of the Episcopal Church of Virginia, they must distinctly declare that they have no wish to make it a sectarian institution, by excluding from the Faculty or Visitorial Board suitable persons of other denominations, or by introducing, in the instructions delivered to the young, any thing which can be justly offensive, either to themselves or their parents, in the way of denominational peculiarities. In this respect, they desire and propose to follow the example of many other Colleges in our land, which, though under the predominant influence of some one denomination, have nevertheless found it to be in accordance with the dictates of sound wisdom and true Christian charity to avoid what is controversial and offensive, and to see that only the great, undisputed doctrines and duties of our holy religion are sought to be enforced on the pupils thereof.

"With the expression of such views, the Visitors cannot but hope that the Convention will see fit to comply with their earnest desire to obtain the services of Bishop Johns."

(Signed,) on behalf of the Visitors,

JOHN TYLER,

Rector of William and Mary College.

[A correct copy from the records.]

Wm. M. Moody, Secretary.

The preceding statement is, I presume, quite sufficient to put you in possession of the important overture in reference to which I now respectfully ask the advice of the Convention. If this body decide that the interests of religion call for our adoption of the proposed arrangement, and that my Episcopal services can, without detriment to the Diocese, be so far dispensed with for the present, as to enable me to devote sufficient time to the responsible duties of the College, such decision will control my own opinions and inclinations, and determine me to accept the appointment and make the experiment. If, however, the voice of the Diocese is not decidedly in favor of the arrangement, I shall be relieved from all anxiety, and feel at liberty to confine myself to my present position and its more congenial duties.

On motion, it was resolved that a Special Committee, to consist of five Clergymen and five Laymen, be appointed, to take into consideration so much of Bishop Johns' Report as relates to his election to the Presidency of William and Mary College, and report to the Convention as early as practicable.

Whereupon the Bishop named the following gentlemen to constitute the said committee :

Rev. JOHN GRAMMER,	PHILIP WILLIAMS,
" J. P. MCGUIRE,	WALTER H. TAYLOR,
" H. STRINGFELLOW,	EDMUND FONTAINE,
" J. UFFORD,	GEO. M. CARRINGTON,
" W. H. KINCKLE,	CASSIUS F. LEE.

The Rev. Mr. STRINGFELLOW, a member of the Committee on Canons, stated that his colleagues were not present, and, on his motion, the Rev. Mr. WOODBRIDGE and PHILIP WILLIAMS, Esq., were added to the committee.

Col. F. H. Smith, Chairman of the Committee on certificates of Lay Delegates, reported the following gentlemen, not present in the morning, duly chosen :

Bruton parish, Williamsburg—Beverly Tucker.

Grub Hill Church, Amelia—Benj. M. Jones.  
 Christ Church, Winchester—Philip Williams,  
 St. Paul's Church, Petersburg—John Rowlett,  
 St. James' Church, Richmond—Benj. B. Minor.  
 St. John's and Christ Churches, Spottsylvania—Lewis A. Boggs.  
 Christ Church, Millwood—Wm. Nelson, M. D.  
 Trinity Church, Shepherdstown—Edmund Fontaine.  
 Christ Church, Alexandria—Cassius F. Lee.  
 St. Thomas' Church, Middletown—John W. Owen, M. D.  
 St. John's Church, Richmond—Geo. M. Carrington.  
 Christ Church, Norfolk—Walter H. Taylor.  
 Rivanna Parish, Fluvanna—James Galt.  
 St. Peter's Church, Buckingham—Richard S. Ellis, Jr.  
 St. Peter's Church, Port Royal—Charles Urquhart, M. D.  
 South Farnham parish, Essex—Jas. H. Lewis.  
 Trinity Church, Staunton—Wm. W. Donaghe.  
 Walker's Church, Albemarle—Mann Page, M. D.

The Convention then adjourned until to-morrow morning, at half past 8 o'clock.

#### THURSDAY, 17TH MAY, 8 1-2 O'CLOCK, A. M.

The Convention assembled, at the hour to which it stood adjourned, and was opened with prayer by the Right Rev. the Assistant Bishop.

The proceedings of the Standing Committee of the Diocese were read by the Rev. Mr. Dana.

On motion, Benj. B. Minor, Esq., was elected Assistant Secretary, *pro tem*.

On motion, so much of the 28th Rule of Order as relates to the reading of Parochial Reports was suspended by a vote of two thirds of the Convention.

The Rev. J. P. B. Wilmer presented a petition for the division of the parish of St. James, Northam, Goochland, which was referred to the appropriate committee.

The Rev. Mr. WOODBRIDGE presented the report of the Executive Committee of the Diocesan Missionary Society, together with the account of the Treasurer, which was referred to the appropriate Committee.

The Assistant Bishop announced the Standing Committees as follows :

## ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

Rev. A. EMPIE, D. D.	N. C. KING, M. D.
" C. MANN,	ROBERT H. CARTER,
" W. SPARROW, D. D.,	THOS. NELSON,
" T. T. CASTLEMAN,	JAMES GALT,
" J. UFFORD,	SAM'L W. SHELTON.

## ON FINANCE.

GEO. M. CARRINGTON,	JOSEPHUS HURT,
WALTER H. TAYLOR,	RICHARD S. ELLIS, Jr.

## ON EPISCOPAL FUND.

REV. G. WOODBRIDGE,	CASSIUS F. LEE,
" W. H. KINCKLE,	D. W. BRODNAX, M. D.

ON ACCOUNTS OF THE TREASURER OF DIOCESAN  
MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Rev. C. W. ANDREWS.	JAMES GALT,
" WM. FRIEND,	CAREY BRECKENRIDGE.

## ON PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Rev. H. M. DENISON,	JOHN B. COLES,
" J. T. CLARK,	OTHO W. KEAN. M. D.

## ON NEW PARISHES.

Rev. J. P. MCGUIRE,	EDMUND FONTAINE,
J. P. B. WILMER,	OTHO W. KEAN, M. D.
D. CALDWELL,	LEWIS A. BOGGS.

## ON WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND

Rev. C. B. DANA,	FRANCIS NELSON,
" WM. V. BOWERS,	BENJ. B. MINOR,
" GEO. T. WILMER,	WM. M. BRYCE.

On motion, Resolved, That the 2d article of the Constitution be amended, by inserting, after the word "Societies," in the 10th line, "and the Rector of the Episcopal High School."

On motion, Resolved, That the 29th Rule of Order be so amended as to insert, after the word "committee," the following, "the reception of the parochial reports by the Bishop from the Clergy, who shall be called upon in alphabetical order for their reports, and (if required,) the reading of the parochial reports, or such parts of them as the Bishop may think fit"—and to strike out the words "and parochial reports."

The Convention then took a recess for the purpose of attending Divine Service.

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ONE O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Convention assembled after recess.



On motion, Resolved, That the Trustees of the Episcopal High School of Virginia be requested to enquire into the expediency of establishing a system of Scholarships for that institution, upon such foundation as shall secure to it a permanent fund, and a full support on the part of this Church.

The Account of the Treasurer of the Diocese was presented and referred to the Finance Committee.

The Convention then adjourned until to-morrow morning, at half past 8 o'clock.

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FRIDAY, MAY 18TH, 8 1-2 O'CLOCK, A. M.

The Convention met, pursuant to adjournment, and was opened with prayer by the Right Reverend the Assistant Bishop.

The Roll having been called, the following Clergymen, not present yesterday, appeared and took their seats :

Rev. W. C. MEREDITH, " F. H. McGUIRE,  
" E. T. PERKINS, " A. WADE, M. D.

The following Lay Delegates presented their certificates and were admitted to seats in the Convention:

St. Stephen's Church, St. Mark's parish, Culpepper—P. N. Meacham.

St. John's Church, King George—Edward T. Tayloe.

St. Stephen's Church, Bedford—Wm. C. Leftwich.

Lyttleton parish, Cumberland—Goodrich Wilson.

Armory Church, Richmond—Robert D. Warwick.

The Rev. Mr. DANA, on behalf of the Trustees of the Theological Seminary, presented an amended Constitution for the same, which, having been read, was adopted by the Convention.

The Assistant Bishop laid before the Convention resolutions of the Vestry of St. Mathew's Church, Wheeling, expressive of the acquiescence of that body in the decision of the Bishop with respect to changing the place of meeting of the Convention, and of its hope and confidence that the next session of the Convention may be held in that city.

Mr. Williams, from the committee to whom were referred the amended Canons, presented a report which was, for the present, on his motion, laid upon the table.

The Rev. J. P. McGuire, from the Committee on new parishes, to whom were referred the petition of the vestry of the Armory Church, Richmond, for admission into the Convention, and the petition of certain persons for the division of St. James parish, Northam, and the erection of a new one in the county of Fluvanna, to

J. P. McGuire  
Wm. C. Leftwich  
Goodrich Wilson  
Robert D. Warwick

be called "Rivanna parish," made a favorable report, which was adopted.

The Rev. Mr. GRANMER, from the Special Committee, to whom was referred so much of the Address of the Assistant Bishop as refers to his election to the Presidency of William and Mary College, made the following

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The Committee, to whom was referred the communication of the Visitors of William and Mary College, in relation to the acceptance of the Presidency of that institution, by the Right Rev. Bishop Johns, have bestowed on the subject the careful consideration which was due to its own importance and the source from which it emanated, and, regarding the proposition now made to the Convention of such importance as that it may be the duty of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Virginia to make trial of the same, recommend the adoption of the following preamble and resolution:

**W**HEREAS, on former occasions, the partial and temporary services of the Bishop and also of the Assistant Bishop of this Diocese have been given to other objects, without materially interfering with their Episcopal duties:

**R**esolved, That, if the Bishop and Assistant Bishop, after further conference with the Visitors of William and Mary College, shall be of opinion that the interests of Religion and Literature may be promoted by Bishop Johns' accepting the Presidency of the College, the Convention hereby give their consent to such acceptance—his continuance in the same being subject to the future advice and action of the Convention; and provided that, until the meeting of the next Convention, he shall be at liberty to devote such time to the performance of Episcopal services, as, in the opinion of the Bishop and himself, the interests of the Church may require.

**T**his resolution, after long debate, was adopted by ayes and noes as follows:

#### OF THE CLERGY.

**A**YES—Right Rev. Bishop Meade, Rev. Messrs. Andrews, Ambler, Berkeley, Bowers, Bryant, Boyden, Cummins, Caldwell, Chisholm, Carraway, Cole, Cooke, Denison, Dana, Empie, Fisher, Gibson, Hoff, R. P. Johnson, Keppler, Kinsolving, Locke, Leavell, Mann, Meade, Minnegerode, J. D. McCabe, J. C. McCabe, McElroy, J. P. McGuire, F. H. McGuire, E. B. McGuire, Wm. McGuire, Pendleton, Stringfellow, Slack, Sparrow, Towles, Tizzard, Temple, Woodbridge, Wingfield, J. P. B. Wilmer, Withers—15

**NOES**—Rev. Messrs. Castleman, Clark, Duval, Friend, Grammer, Kinckle, Lockwood, Meredith, Nelson, Perkins, Smith, Ufford, Wade—13.

#### OF THE LAITY.

**AYES**—Messrs. Brodnax, Bryce, Breckenridge, Coles, Carrington, Carter, Floyd, Fontaine, Galt, Hurt, King, Lindsay, Lee, Lewis, Leftwich, Meade, F. Nelson, P. Nelson, Owen, Rowlett, Thornley, Terrill, Tucker, Taylor, Tayloe, Page, Wilson, Williams—28

**NOES**—Boggs, Donaghe, Fisher, Harris, Jones, Kean, Merriwether, Minor, Thos. Nelson, W. Nelson, Smith, Shelton, Urquhart, Warwick, Wilson—15.

<b>AYES</b> —Clergy	45	
“ Laity	28	
	<hr/>	73
<b>NOES</b> —Clergy	13	
“ Laity	15	
	<hr/>	28
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Majority for resolution		45

The Convention then adjourned until to-morrow morning, at half past 8 o'clock.

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#### SATURDAY, 19TH May, HALF PAST 8, A. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment and was opened with prayer by the Right Rev. the Assistant Bishop.

Col. John Chewning, a Delegate from Christ Church parish, Lancaster, appeared and took his seat.

The Rev. Mr. Earnest appeared and took his seat.

The Rev. Mr. Andrews, from the Committee on the Diocesan Missionary Society, to which was referred the account of the Treasurer, made the following Report :

The Committee upon the Diocesan Missionary Society report, that they have examined the documents submitted to them by the Executive Committee and find them correct.

Your Committee would earnestly suggest that a vigorous support of our Diocesan Missionary Society is among our very first duties.

#### REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee of the Diocesan Missionary Society respectfully report that they have, during the past year, contributed to the support of sixteen missionaries. These are the Rev.

W. E. Webb, Goochland; Rev. John C. McCabe, Smithfield; Rev. R. T. Brown, Jefferson; Rev. G. S. Carraway, Mathews and Middlesex; Rev. G. W. Dame, Danville; Rev. A. B. Tizzard, Chesterfield; Rev. Wm. F. Lockwood, Fairfax; Rev. Robert Nelson, Lexington; Rev. James D. McCabe, Abingdon; Rev. S. D. Tompkins, Weston; Rev. Ambler Weed, Accomac; Rev. N. A. Okeson, City Point; Rev. James McElroy, Buchanan; Rev. E. T. Perkins, Parkersburg; Rev. Wm. Duval, Richmond city; and the Rev. Samuel R. Slack, Albemarle.

The Committee are gratified to be able to report, that, during the past year, Meherrin parish, Greenville county, and St. Thomas' Church, Middletown, Frederick county, which have heretofore received the aid of the Society, have become able to support themselves, and have voluntarily and promptly declined the further aid of the Society. Such instances are encouraging and the Committee earnestly hope that the other parishes, now aided by the Society, will make every exertion to follow their good example as soon as practicable. A strenuous effort on the part of the friends of the Church, in these parishes, is alone needed to enable them to do so in a short time, and justice to the Society, as well as to the many other destitute portions of the Diocese, requires that such an effort be made.

The receipts of the Society, during the past year, amount to \$2,127.62, a sum wholly inadequate to supply the wants of the Diocese, and very far from being commensurate with the ability of the Church and the importance of the object sought to be promoted by the Society.

In consequence of the limited means placed at their disposal, the Committee, in order to carry out, as far as practicable, the objects of the Society, have been compelled to adopt, as a general rule, the annual reduction of the amount appropriated to each Missionary Church. This rule is based upon the conviction that the friends of the Church will be multiplied as its principles and practices become known, and, therefore, that a Missionary Church, *judiciously* established, will annually so increase in strength as to justify a reduction of the aid of the Society; and its object is, to require the Churches aided by the Society, as their strength increases, to increase, in a corresponding degree, their efforts to support themselves, and thus to relieve the Society, as soon as practicable, from the burden of supporting them, in order that its funds may be devoted to the assistance of the other destitute sec-

tions of the Diocese. The necessity and expediency of this rule require no illustration. It is obvious that the great objects of the Society can never be accomplished, if its funds are devoted to the support of a few Churches. Its benefactions must, of necessity, be temporary, or they never can be extensively useful. Except in rare cases, affected by peculiar circumstances, where, of course, the rule would not be rigidly enforced, the Committee believe that its operation will be most salutary, both to the Society, and to the Churches aided by it. For these reasons the committee take this occasion to commend it to the approbation and sanction of the Convention, and (if it should be approved) to bring it prominently to the notice of the Churches now aided, and which may hereafter apply for the aid of the Society.

The Committee acknowledge, with pleasure, the zeal and liberality which has been manifested, during the past year, in behalf of Diocesan missions, by Christ Church, Norfolk, which has contributed to the funds of the Society \$200, to the support of the Rev. Lewis Walke, Princess Anne; \$200 to the Rev. R. T. Brown, Jefferson; \$150 to the Rev. Mr. Good, Hampton; \$50,<sup>†</sup> and to the erection of a Church edifice at Leetown, Jefferson, \$30. Total 690. While, however, the Committee commend most heartily to the imitation of the other Churches of the Diocese the noble example of zeal and liberality, in the missionary cause, which has been furnished by Christ Church, they cannot forbear to express their decided conviction that *private and independent* contributions, designed to be in support of Diocesan missions, whether made by Churches or individuals, are greatly prejudicial to the operations of the Society. The inability of individual Churches, acting independently, to sustain a great missionary enterprise, and the felt necessity of organized, concerted action, by the whole Church, gave rise to the formation of the Diocesan Missionary Society. And it is obvious, that, if the individual Churches of the Diocese, or the individual members of the Church, now become their own almoners, they, to this extent, withhold their confidence and support from the Society and defeat the great object of its formation. With the limited resources of the Society, it is indispensable to its success that the whole missionary field should be judiciously surveyed, its wants and its resources carefully studied, and that *systematized* means should be adopted

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ply these wants and develop these resources. This the y has endeavored to do by the adoption of certain rules of having for their object to ascertain the real wants, as well as the resources, of those parishes and Churches which require its aid, and to bring into active beneficial operation all their resources, and to apply their wants in the most economical and efficacious manner. Individual Churches and members must act without these aids, and, acting independently, there must, of necessity, be no prejudicial interference with the operations of the Society for it cannot but happen, that such contributions will often be made where they are not really needed, and, not unfrequently, to objects already aided by the Society. To this subject, also, the next will invite the consideration of the Convention.

During the past year, the Depository has been kept supplied with Prayer Books and Tracts—333 Prayer Books, 514 copies of the Book of Confirmation, and 24,832 pages of other tracts, have been distributed. The whole number of Prayer Books, distributed since the establishment of the Depository, is 2,145. There were in the Depository 453 prayer books, 1,188 copies of the Book of Confirmation, and 25,552 pages of other tracts, besides a number of copies of the life of Devereux Jarratt, Jarratt's Essay of Justification, Bishop Meade's Address to the Young on Conversion, and tracts for the Jews.

The committee have paid, during the past year,

To Missionaries,	\$1,706.61
For 512 prayer books and expenses,	\$89.04

Balance now in the Treasury,	\$392.73
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of which is respectfully submitted.

In order of the Executive Committee of the Diocesan Missionary Society,  
JOHN O. STEGER, Sec'y.

*Diocesan Missionary Society of Virginia, in account with  
William Williams, Treasurer.*

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7. To cash paid draft of Rev. W. E. Webb, Goochland, in full of his appropriation,	\$14 00
0. To cash remitted Rev. James McElroy, Buchanan, Botetourt county, 2d quarter,	50 00
To cash remitted Rev. John C. McCabe, Smithfield, Isle of Wight, 1st quarter,	50 00

Amount carried over,	\$114 00
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	<i>To amount brought over,</i>	\$114 00
July 10.	To cash remitted to Rev. E. T. Perkins, Parkersburg, Wood county, 3d quarter,	37 50
Aug. 12.	To cash paid Rev. Wm. Duval, Missionary in city of Richmond, from city collections,	50 00
Sept. 17.	To cash remitted Rev. W. F. Lockwood, Fairfax county, 3d quarter,	50 00
	To cash remitted Rev. G. S. Carraway, Mathews and Middlesex counties, 4th quarter,	37 50
	To cash remitted Rev. E. T. Perkins, Parkersburg, Wood county, 4th quarter,	37 50
14.	To cash remitted Rev. James D. McCabe, Abingdon, Washington county, 3d quarter,	50 00
	To cash remitted Rev. John C. McCabe, Smithfield, Isle of Wight county, 2d quarter,	50 00
Oct. 16.	To cash paid Rev. W. E. Webb, Goochland county, on account his renewed appropriation,	50 00
Nov. 2.	To cash paid draft of Rev. Jas. D. McCabe, Abingdon, Washington county, on ac't.	8 28
4.	To cash paid Rev. Wm. Duval, city missionary, from collections in Richmond,	75 00
9.	To cash remitted Rev. J. McElroy, Buchanan, Botetourt county, 3d quarter,	50 00
	To cash remitted Rev. W. F. Lockwood, Fairfax county, 4th quarter,	50 00
30.	To cash remitted Rev. James D. McCabe, Abingdon, Washington county, in full,	41 72
	To cash remitted Rev. Samuel R. Slack, Albemarle county, in full,	50 00
	To cash remitted Rev. Rob't. Nelson, Lexington, Rockbridge county, 1st quarter,	37 50
	To cash remitted Rev. E. T. Perkins, Parkersburg, 1st quarter new appropriation	37 50
	To cash remitted Rev. S. D. Tompkins, Weston, Lewis county, 1st quarter,	25 00
	To cash remitted Rev. G. S. Carraway, Mathews and Middlesex counties, 1st quarter, new appropriation,	37 50
Dec. 22.	To cash paid Rev. W. Duval, city missionary, from collections in Richmond in full,	55 00
	<i>To amount carried up,</i>	<hr/> \$944 00

	<i>To amount brought up,</i>	<b>\$944 00</b>
<b>1849.</b>		
<b>Jan. 2.</b>	To cash paid draft of Rev. J. C. McCabe, Smithfield, Isle of Wight, 3rd quarter,	<b>50 00</b>
<b>11.</b>	To cash remitted Rev. E. T. Perkins, Parkersburg, Wood county, 2nd quarter,	<b>37 50</b>
	To cash remitted Rev. G. S. Carraway, Mathews and Middlesex counties, 2nd quarter,	<b>37 50</b>
	To cash remitted Rev. S. D. Tompkins, Weston, Lewis county, 2nd quarter,	<b>25 00</b>
<b>18.</b>	To cash paid Nash & Woodhouse, for 512 prayer books, ordered by them for the Society,	<b>89 04</b>
<b>23.</b>	To cash paid Rev. W. E. Webb, Goochland county, on account,	<b>25 00</b>
<b>Feb. 12.</b>	To cash paid draft of Rev. J. McElroy, Buchanan, Botetourt county, in full,	<b>50 00</b>
<b>March 6.</b>	To cash paid draft of Rev. Ambler Weed, Accomac county, on account	<b>75 00</b>
<b>23.</b>	To cash remitted Rev. A. B. Tizzard, Coal Pits, Chesterfield county, 1st quarter,	<b>25 00</b>
	To cash remitted Rev. Robert Nelson, Lexington, Rockbridge county, 2nd quarter,	<b>37 50</b>
<b>30.</b>	To cash remitted Rev. Wm F. Lockwood, Fairfax county, 1st quarter, new appropriation,	<b>50 00</b>
	To cash remitted Rev. G. W. Dame, Danville, Pittsylvania county, for 1848,	<b>50 00</b>
<b>April 3.</b>	To cash remitted Rev. N. A. Okeson, City Point, Prince George county, for past services,	<b>50 00</b>
<b>9.</b>	To cash remitted Rev. John C. McCabe, Smithfield, Isle of Wight, 4th quarter,	<b>50 00</b>
	To cash remitted Rev. E. T. Perkins, Parkersburg, Wood county, 3d quarter,	<b>37 50</b>
	To cash remitted Rev. G. S. Carraway, Mathews and Middlesex counties, 3d quarter,	<b>37 50</b>
	To cash paid Rev. Ambler Weed, Accomac county, on account	<b>17 61</b>
<b>May 11.</b>	To cash paid draft of Rev. Jas. McElroy, Buchanan, Botetourt county, 1st quarter, new appropriation,	<b>37 50</b>
	<i>To amount carried over,</i>	<b>\$1725 65</b>



		<i>To amount brought over,</i>	\$1725 65
		To cash paid Rev. Wm. Duval, Richmond, money collected for him in Monumental Church,	20 00
14.		To cash paid Rev. Jno. C. McCabe, Smithfield, 1st quarter, new appropriation,	50 00
		To balance of cash in hand this day,	392 73
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			\$2188 38
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May	15.	By balance in hand reported to Convention in Norfolk,	\$60 76
	17.	By cash of Mr. Stringfellow's family, St. Stephen's, Culpeper,	10 00
		By cash of Christ Church, Lancaster co.	51 50
		do do do Raleigh and Genito parishes,	21 00
		do do do St. James' Church, Mecklenburg county,	15 50
		By cash of St. Martin's parish, Hanover,	4 00
		By cash of Botetourt parish, Botetourt,	31 00
		By cash of St. Luke's Church Powhatan,	8 00
		By cash of Antrim parish, Halifax, viz:— Mrs. Sarah A. Leigh, \$2; Mrs. Mary Bailey, \$9; Elvira A. Clarke, \$5; Mrs. M. E. Grammer, \$2.50; Mrs. C. Early \$2; Mr. D. Cosby, jr., \$2.50; Col. C. H. Cabanis \$2; Miss Martha Smith 50 cts; Rev. John Grammer \$10; Mrs. E. S. Easley \$2; Miss Mary Smith \$1; Mr. E. B. Estes \$1.50; Richard Logan \$5; J. C. Bruce \$20; Mrs. Eliza Bruce \$15,	80 00
		By cash of Roanoke parish, Roanoke co.	10 00
		do do do Nelson parish, Nelson county,	5 00
		do do do do do for tracts,	5 00
		do do do St. Martin's parish, Hanover,	41 70
		do do do Christ Church, Middlesex,	16 10
		do do do St. Paul's Church Sunday School, Alexandria,	32 70
		By cash of St. Paul's Church, Lynchburg,	40 62
		By cash of a Lady and two children, Trinity parish, Wood county,	4 00
		By cash of Christ Church, Charlottesville,	7 50
		By cash of St. Paul's Church, Petersburg,	80 00
		By cash of Zion Church, Fairfax county,	5 43
		By cash of Christ Church, Alexandria,	40 00
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		<i>By amount carried up,</i>	\$569 81

	<i>By amount brought up,</i>	\$569 81
	By cash of Mr. Edmund Berkley, Meade parish,	5 00
	By cash of Josephus Hurt, Grace Church, Petersburg,	5 00
	By cash of Trinity Church, Buchanan,	7 71
	By cash of St. Peter's Church, New Kent,	6 50
	By cash of a lady in Louisa county, for tracts,	10 00
	By cash from Communion alms, at Christ Church, Norfolk, on Sunday after Convention,	209 50
	31. By cash of Nash & Woodhouse for tracts sold,	5 58
June 7.	By cash of Rev. F. D. Goodwin, for prayer books,	4 00
	9. By cash of two gentlemen of New York, by Rev. P. P. Irving,	55 00
	29. By cash of Mrs. A. Anderson,	2 00
	By cash of the young ladies of Mrs. Wilmer's School,	16 00
July 5.	By cash of Christ Church, Fredericksburg, by Rev. E. C. McGuire,	13 50
	11. By cash of Grace Church, Petersburg, by Rev. C. J. Gibson,	25 00
	12. By cash of Trinity Church, Hanover, for prayer books,	1 50
	15. By cash of Green Mountain Church by Rev. R. K. Meade,	5 10
	By cash of Christ Church, Charlottesville, by Rev. R. K. Meade,	2 25
	17. By cash of St. Paul's Church, Alexandria, by Wm. H. Fowle,	38 69
	20. By cash of Missionary Society of Enquiry of Theological Seminary, by Mr. Richards,	22 33
	22. By cash of Christ Church, Alexandria, by Rev. C. B. Dana,	35 25
	24. By cash of St. Thomas Church, Orange, by Bishop Johns,	26 62
	By cash of Bloomfield parish, Madison, by Bishop Johns,	10 00
Aug. 8.	By cash of St. Thomas' Church, Federick, by Bishop Johns,	16 33
	25. By cash of Christ Church, Millwood, by Bishop Johns,	30 77
	<i>By amount carried over,</i>	<hr/> \$1,123 42

	<i>By amount brought over,</i>	\$1,123 42
Aug. 29.	By cash of Wickliffe parish, Clarke county, by Bishop Johns,	35 00
Sept. 2.	By cash of Leeds parish, Fauquier, by Rev. Mr. Pendleton,	59 00
12.	By cash of Church at Shepherdstown, by Bishop Johns,	15 00
Oct. 2.	By cash of Christ Church, Suffolk, by Bishop Johns,	8 55
	By cash of Christ Church, Smithfield, by Bishop Johns,	10 00
	By cash of Shelburn parish, Leesburg, by Bishop Johns,	16 71
	By cash of boys of Shelburn parish, proceeds of poultry, by Bishop Johns,	2 12
	By cash of colored communicants of Shelburn parish,	00 25
3.	By cash of St. George's Church, Fredericksburg, by Rev. E. C. McGuire,	20 00
5.	By cash of Mrs. E. A. Bruce, St. Paul's Church, Richmond,	30 00
16.	By cash of St. Paul's Church, Lynchburg, by Bishop Johns,	43 17
	By cash of Trinity Church, Bedford, by Bishop Johns,	6 13
	By cash of St. Stephen's Church, Bedford, by Bishop Johns,	10 69
	By cash of St. Luke's Church, Amherst, by Bishop Johns,	11 00
Nov 8.	By cash of Antrim Parish, Halifax county, by Bishop Johns,	50 00
	By cash of Roanoke parish, Roanoke co., by Bishop Johns,	70 17
	By cash of Mrs. M. A. Kennon, Charlotte Court House, by Bishop Johns,	2 50
	By cash of Miss Alice Bouldin, Charlotte Court House, by Bishop Johns,	2 50
	By cash of St. Paul's Church, Lunenburg, by Bishop Johns,	12 00
	By cash of St. John's Church, Lunenburg, by Bishop Johns,	8 12
	By cash of Old Church, Mecklenburg co., by Bishop Johns,	11 85
	By cash of St. James Church, Mecklenburg, by Bishop Johns,	25 50
	By cash of St. Andrew's Church, Mecklenburg, by Bishop Johns,	9 84
	<i>By amount carried up,</i>	<b>\$1,577 52</b>

	<i>By amount brought up,</i>	\$1,577 52
	By cash of St. Luke's Church, Mecklenburg, by Bishop Johns,	13 45
Nov. 9.	By cash of Emanuel Church, Camden parish, by Bishop Johns,	12 68
	By cash of Epiphany Church, Camden parish, by Bishop Johns,	9 37
10.	By cash for prayer books,	5 00
<b>1849.</b>		
Jan. 5.	By cash of St. George's Church, Fredericksburg, by Rev. E. C. McGuire,	20 00
26.	By cash of St. James' Church, Richmond, by Rev. Adam Emple,	32 14
Feb. 3.	By cash of St. Anne's and South Farnham parishes, by Rev. J. P. McGuire,	40 00
12.	By cash of St. James' Church, Richmond, by Rev. A. Emple,	20 00
15.	By cash of Mrs. Harriet Skinker, Fauquier county, by Rev. G. H. Norton,	10 00
25.	By cash collected in Meade parish, by Rev. Wm. M. Jackson, during Bishop Johns' visit,	81 25
March 3.	By cash of St. Anne's and South Farnham parishes, by Rev. J. P. McGuire,	3 50
9.	By cash of Church at Winchester,	00 50
12.	By cash of Leeds parish, Fauquier county, by Rev. W. H. Pendleton,	40 00
20.	By cash of Mrs. J. M. Laidley, Kanawha, by Rev. F. M. Whittle,	15 00
30.	By cash of St. George's Church, Fredericksburg, by Rev. E. C. McGuire,	11 85
April 30.	By cash of Walker's Church, Albemarle, by Bishop Johns,	8 76
	By cash of St. Stephen's Church, Culpeper Court House, by Bishop Johns,	10 00
	By cash of Centurion Church, Fort Monroe, by Bishop Johns,	10 00
	By cash of Hungars parish, Northampton, by Bishop Johns,	44 05
	By cash of St. George's Church, Accomac, by Bishop Johns,	5 48
	By cash of St. James' Church, Drummondtown, by Bishop Johns,	12 13
May 5.	By cash of Christ Church, Norfolk, by Tazewell Taylor,	200 00
	<i>By amount carried over,</i>	\$2,127 17

<i>By amount brought over,</i>		\$2,127 17
11. By cash of Nash & Woodhouse, for tracts sold,		2 96
By cash of Monumental Church, by Rev. Geo. Woodbridge,		20 00
By cash of St. Paul's Church, Richmond, by Bishop Johns,		35 00
14. By cash of Christ Church, Smithfield, for prayer books,		3 25
		<hr/> \$2,188 38
14. By balance cash in hand this day,		\$392 73
E. E.	WM. WILLIAMS, Treasurer.	
RICHMOND, May 14th, 1849.		

With feelings of profound gratitude to the Convention for their repeated manifestations of confidence, the subscriber regrets to say that it will not hereafter be convenient for him to attend to the duties of Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Society; he, therefore, respectfully, declines a re-appointment to that office.

WM. WILLIAMS.

The Convention then proceeded to the election of the Standing Committee, whereupon the following gentlemen were duly chosen:

Rev. CHARLES C. DANA,	ORLANDO FAIRFAX, M. D.
" WM. SPARROW, D. D.	JOHN HOOFF,
" GEORGE A. SMITH,	CASSIUS F. LEE.

The Rev. Mr. DANA presented the report of the Committee on the Widows and Orphans' Fund, which was accepted.

#### R E P O R T.

The Committee on the Widows and Orphans' Fund have examined the report of the Trustees of said Fund, and the certificates of stock for twelve hundred dollars, which have been purchased, during the past year, by the Widows and Orphans' Society, and submit herewith the account of the Trustees, (which they find to be correct,) as a part of their report.

The Committee recommend that the Widows and Orphans' Society increase this fund, now amounting to \$9,570, by adding to it the dividends of its stocks, until the fund shall amount to the sum of ten thousand dollars.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

C. B. DANA, Chairman.

*Report of the Trustees of the Fund for the Relief of the Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen in the Diocese of Virginia.*

The Trustees of the Widows and Orphans' Fund report, that,

having transferred two small balances, amounting together to \$26.80, to the Widows and Orphans' Society, agreeably to a resolution of last Convention, the Fund now consists of

74 shares of Stock in Exchange Bank of Virginia, worth at par,	\$7,400 00
1 share of Stock in Bank of Virginia, worth at par	70 00
21 shares do do in Farmers' Bank of Va., worth at par,	2,100 00
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	\$9,570 00

The dividends on these stocks, collected during the year, amounting to \$669.90, have been paid over to the Widows and Orphans' Society.

All which is respectfully submitted,

THOMAS NELSON,  
WM. H. HUBBARD,  
WM. WILLIAMS,

Treasurer.

} Trustees.

RICHMOND, 12TH MAY, 1849.

The Rev. Mr. WOODBRIDGE, from the Committee on the Theological Seminary, presented the following report of the Board of Trustees, which was adopted :

**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE  
THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AND HIGH SCHOOL.**

The Board of Trustees respectfully report, that the condition of the Theological Seminary does not materially differ from that of former years. The blessing of the Most High still eminently rests upon it. The duties of the Professors are faithfully discharged and the Students are diligently engaged in all those studies and preparatory exercises, which are fitted to make them useful and efficient ambassadors for Christ. The Church at large is feeling through all its borders its salutary influence.

It is, however, a subject of deep regret and painful anxiety, that so few Students are now connected with our Theological Seminary. Its present number is but 25. A few years since and its average number was scarcely ever less than 40. This diminution of numbers is by no means peculiar to our Seminary. The number of those, who are now looking forward to Holy Orders, is but a small part of the number, who, a few years since, were pressing into the Ministry. To what other cause can we ascribe it, than the want of faithful, ardent, persevering prayer ; of earnest sup-

plication that the Lord of the harvest would send forth laborers into the harvest? The Ministry, acting through the mighty power of the Holy Ghost, is God's gracious instrumentality for the reformation of the world and the salvation of man. It is His appointed means and He will use no other. Yet for this He will be enquired of by us to do it for us. Let prayer be made without ceasing of the Church unto God, and he will give the word and great will be the company of the preachers.

The permanent fund of the Seminary has been increased, since the last report, \$5,932.91. The whole fund now amounts to \$47,479.24. We trust, in a few years more, that its vested funds will be sufficient to pay the Professors' salaries and to support the institution without the need of further aid.

Our excellent High School, under its efficient Rector, the Rev. Mr. Dalrymple, is in a state of great efficiency. Its present number of pupils is 66.

The reports of the Professors, herewith submitted, will show the state of their various departments.

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*To the Trustees of the Episcopal High School of the  
Diocese of Virginia.*

The Rector of the High School respectfully begs leave to present his fourth annual report.

Since the last Convention, the fifth session of the School has closed, (July 31, '48,) and the sixth commenced. The change in the length of the sessions, and in the time of opening and closing, referred to in my last report, is now permanently established.—This alteration will enable the Trustees to attend the examination exercises, on the second Wednesday in July, the time at which they are assembled for the annual commencement of the Seminary.

The sixth session opened on the 20th of September last and will close at the time named above. The number of students, now amounting to 66, shows a highly gratifying state of prosperity and augurs well for the continuation of the confidence and support which are now shown.

The order, course of study, &c., &c., continue as previously reported, and, it is believed, with equally satisfactory results.

Five gentlemen, besides its Rector, two of whom are Clergymen, are employed daily in instruction. A French gentleman makes one of the corps of instructors and has under his charge the department of Drawing and French.

The religious condition of the School is encouraging, and it is hoped that, at the next visit of the Bishop, there will be some candidates for confirmation. The Catechisms, recently published by Bishop Meade, have been introduced to aid in the religious instruction of the Students.

The attention of the Board is again most earnestly called to the condition of the main building, which is suffering greatly for want of paint and some few repairs.

E. A. DALRYMPLE, *Rector.*

HOWARD, May 14th, 1849.

*Report of the Professor of Church History.*

In the Department of Church History, the Senior Class have gone through the history of the Church of England, with Bishop Short's work as their guide. In Ecclesiastical Polity, they have studied Hooker's work on the subject and are now engaged on "Episcopacy tested by Scripture." The whole is to be reviewed. They have likewise attended to the composition and weekly delivery of sermons.

The middle class have followed the usual course of the General History of the Church, and have nearly completed it. The classes have shown a satisfactory degree of diligence and punctuality.

JAMES MAY.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, May 12, 1849.

*Report of the Professor of Systematic Divinity.*

The Professor of Systematic Divinity has substantially the same report to render to the Trustees, as on former occasions. The Junior class have been studying with him the Evidences of Christianity; the Middle, Biblical Theology, together with the History of Doctrines; and the Senior class, Theology, in its relations to the doctrinal standards of our Church. The two latter classes have also been engaged, as directed by the Board, in the study of Intellectual Science, as related to revelation, so far as time would allow. Quite as much diligence as usual has been exhibited by the several classes. The punctuality of the members in their attendance upon daily duty will be seen from the accompanying report.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM SPARROW.



*Report of the Professor of Biblical Literature.*

The Professor of Biblical Literature would respectfully report, that he has pursued, during the present session, the prescribed course of study in his department, and that the classes under his instruction have, by the divine blessing, made as much progress as usual.

The Senior class have read, in Greek, the First Epistle to the Corinthians and the two to Timothy. The Middle class have read, in Greek, the Epistles to the Romans, Hebrews and Galatians, and in Hebrew have studied the Prophecies of Christ, with the Commentary of Hengstenberg.

The Junior class, to whom his principal attention is devoted, have obtained a knowledge of the Hebrew language, and have read in Greek nearly the whole of the Harmony of the Gospels. They have also studied Jewish Antiquities, Horne's introduction to the Old Testament, and the principles of Biblical Interpretation, and have paid some attention to Jewish History and Sacred Chronology. They have written Critical Essays on the most important and difficult subjects of the scriptures.

All which is respectfully submitted,

J. PACKARD.

The Rev. Mr. WOODBRIDGE, from the Committee on the Episcopal Fund, presented the following report, which was adopted :

The Committee on the "Episcopal Fund" have performed the duty assigned them and beg leave to present to the Convention the following statement, which they have received from the Wardens of Christ Church, Alexandria, as their

R E P O R T.

The Trustees of the Bishop's Fund report, that, since the last Convention, they have purchased, with the cash then on hand, and dividends since received on Bank Stocks, six shares of stock of the Farmers' Bank of Virginia, and one share of stock of the Exchange Bank of Virginia, leaving now on deposit, in Farmers' Bank of Virginia, at Alexandria, \$140.50 to the credit of the Trust Fund.

CREDITS.

Cash on Deposit in Farmers' Bank of Virginia, Alexandria, as reported last Convention,	\$226 50
Dividends received on Exchange Bank of Va. stock,	416 50
do do on Farmers' do do do	119 00
do do on Bank of the Valley, do	72 00
	<hr/> \$834 00

## CHARGES.

4 shares of Farmers' Bank of Virginia stock, at \$98 per share,	\$392 00
2 shares of Farmers' Bank of Virginia stock, at \$100 per share,	200 00
1 share of Exchange Bank of Virginia stock,	101 50
Cash on deposit in Farmers' Bank of Virginia, at Alexandria,	140 50
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	\$834 00

The Bishop's Fund now consists of

60 shares of stock Exchange Bank of Virginia,	\$6,000 00
23 do do do Farmers' Bank of do	2,300 00
9 do do do Bank of the Valley, in Virginia,	900 00
Cash on deposit in Farmers' Bank of Virginia, Alex- andria,	140 50
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	\$9,340 50

Amount of the fund last year, \$8,726 50

WASHINGTON C. PAGE,  
LOUIS A. CAZENOVE,

*Wardens of Christ Church, Alexandria.*

ALEXANDRIA, MAY 11TH, 1849.

The Rev. Dr. EMPIE, from the Committee on the state of the Church, made the following report, which was accepted:

The Committee on the state of the Church, present the following  
REPORT:

Judging from the documents and the information otherwise laid before them, it would appear that the general state of religion, in this Diocese, has continued substantially the same during the last two or three years. There are continued evidences of the unceasing goodness of our covenant God to this Diocese. We see all this in the new Churches that are annually consecrated; in the steady and constant increase of our Laity and our Clergy; in the new fields of labor that are beginning to be cultivated; in the yearly accessions to the aggregate numbers of those who have been confirmed and admitted to our communion; and in the cheering evidences, that are exhibited in various places, of a growing conformity to the outward institutions and duties of religion. Besides, while a gradual improvement has been quietly in progress in some parts, in others a more obvious and earnest zeal in the cause of religion has been awakened, and Churches have been blessed

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In conclusion, your Committee beg leave to observe, with great pleasure and with grateful acknowledgements to Heaven, that a spirit of unity, harmony and brotherly love, seems to pervade the whole mass of our Laity and Clergy, and that they appear remarkably distinguished for substantial unanimity of sentiment and uniformity of practice upon all important points in religion. Thus, through God's good providence and spirit, we are happily exempt from those pernicious errors, heresies and contentions that afflict many of our sister Churches, abroad and at home; and, what is still more important, exempt from the baleful influence they inevitably exert upon the religion of the heart and the life. Let us not forget, then, by our daily walk and conversation, to manifest our gratitude to Him "who maketh men to be of one mind in a house."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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On motion, the Rev. Messrs. Andrews and Daria, and Cassius F. Lee, Esq., were appointed a committee to take into consideration the printing of the Journal and to report to the next Convention.

On motion, Resolved, That, when this Convention adjourn, it adjourn to meet in St. Paul's Church, Alexandria, on the third Wednesday in May, 1850.

On motion of Mr. Williams, the report of the Committee on the amended Canons was taken up.

The debate was continued until 2 o'clock, when the Convention took a recess.

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4 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Convention met after recess.

On motion, Resolved, That, for the remainder of the session, no member shall be allowed to speak more than twenty minutes.

The debate was then resumed upon the amended Canons.— Various amendments were proposed and accepted, and all the Canons adopted, except that numbered 19, in the Appendix to the Journal of the last Convention; which is as follows:

**"CANON 19—OFFENDERS TO BE ADMONISHED, OR REPELLED FROM THE LORD'S TABLE.**

Any member of the Church, being a communicant thereof, conducting himself or herself in a manner unworthy of a Christian, ought to be admonished, or repelled from the Lord's Table, by the

minister of the Parish, or Church, according to the rubric; and gaming, attendance on horse racing and theatrical amusements, witnessing immodest and licentious exhibitions or shows, attending public balls, habitual neglect of public worship, or a denial of the doctrines of the gospel, as generally set forth in the authorized standards of the Church, are offences for which discipline should be exercised. This enumeration, however, shall not be construed to include all the subjects of discipline in the Church, and in cases where it may be deemed expedient by the minister, or may be requested by the accused, the Church wardens, or either of them, if communicants, shall be summoned to assist the minister in ascertaining the facts of the case: *provided*, that, if such warden or wardens shall fail or refuse to act within ten days, the minister shall proceed to act under the rubrics of this Church."

Upon this, after a long and animated debate, the vote was taken, by orders, and resulted as follows:

#### OF THE CLERGY.

**AYES.**—Right Rev. Bishop Meade, Right Rev. Bishop Johns, Rev Messrs. Andrews, Ambler, Bowers, Bryant, Castleman, Chisholm, Cole, Cooke, Carraway, Caldwell, Denison, Dana, Earnest, Friend, Gibson, Grammer, Hoff, Johnson, Keppler, Locke, Lockwood, Meade, J. D. McCabe, J. C. McCabe, McElroy, J. P. McGuire, F. H. McGuire, E. B. McGuire, W. McGuire, Pendleton, Perkins, Stringfellow, Slack, Smith, Sparrow, Towles, Temple, Ufford, Woodbridge, Wade—42.

**NOES.**—Rev. Messrs. Berkeley, Cummins, Empie, Fisher, Kinsolving, Leavell, Mann, Meredith, Nelson, G. T. Wilmer, Withers, Wingfield—12.

#### OF THE LAITY.

**AYES.**—Messrs. Merriwether, Thornley, Coles, F. Nelson, P. Nelson, Smith, Carter, Hurt, Williams, W. Nelson, Lee, Ellis, Urquhart, Lewis, Donaghe, Meade, Tayloe, Warwick, Chewning—19.

**NOES.**—Messrs. Harris, H. Wilson, Terrill, T. Nelson, Brodnax, Kean, Fisher, Bryce, Breckenridge, King, Shelton, Lindsay, Tucker, Jones, Minor, Owen, Carrington, Taylor, Galt, Page, Leftwich, G. Wilson—22.

CLERGY—Ayes  
Noes

42  
12

Majority in favor

30

LAITY—Noes  
Ayes

22  
19

Majority against

3

The two orders not concurring, the Canon was rejected.

Col. Carrington, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was accepted :

# REPORT.

The Committee of Finance, having considered the matters referred to them, respectfully report:

That the account of Wm. H. Hubbard, the Treasurer of the Diocese, (marked A,) is sustained by proper vouchers, showing a balance in his hands, the 10th of May, 1849, of

\$794 72

Contributions to the Contingent Fund, for 1849, (as detailed in paper marked B,)

\$4,271 37

Received for delinquencies of 1846 and 1848, as shown by paper marked C,

24 00

Amount remaining delinquent for 1845, (paper D,) \$324 25

do do do do 1846, (paper E,) 290 01

do do do do 1847, (paper F,) 462 00

do do do do 1848, (paper G,) 249 38

do do do do 1849, (paper H,) 453 50

The parishes, which have made no reports, appear in paper marked I.

G. M. CARRINGTON, *Chairman.*

(A)

*Wm. H. Hubbard, Treasurer, in account with the Episcopal Convention of Virginia.*

1848.

Dr.

May 13. To balance per account rendered, \$456 58

To cash received from W. H. Fowle, Treasurer pro tem. 3,587 70

June 3. Received from Wm. H. Fowle, sundry receipts for money paid by him. See items on credit side, } 1,064 47

9. Received from Rev. Wm. F. Bryant, of Frederick county, by the hands of Wm. M. Blackford, } 4 00

1849.

March Received by the hands of the Rev. Geo. T. Wilmer, from Mrs. Martha Burwell, a donation to the Episcopal Fund of this Diocese, } 25 00

\$5,137 75

May 10. To cash on hand,

\$794 72

1848.

Ca.

May 15.	By cash paid H. K. Ellyson, voucher No. 1		\$84 41
	By cash paid Wm. M. Blackford, postage and expenses,	do	2 28 37
	By cash paid Blackford, Townley & Dillard, for printing circulars,	do	3 5 00
	By cash paid H. K. Ellyson,	do	4 1 78
20.	By cash paid Bishop Meade, travelling expenses,	do	5 100 00
June 2.	By cash paid Bishop Johns, on account of his salary,	do	6 500 00
	By receipts for cash paid by Wm. H. Fowle, Treasurer pro tem:		
	By cash paid Bishop Meade,		\$1000 00
	By cash paid Wm. C. Cunningham,	15 00	
	By cash paid Rev E. C. McGuire,	7 87	
	By cash paid Rev. H. Stringfellow,	15 00	
	By cash paid the Door Keeper,	15 00	
	By cash paid Rev. C. B. Dana, Sec'ry,	1 60	
	By cash paid Hack hire,	10 00	
	-----do	7	1064 47
	By cash paid Wm. M. Blackford's draft for printing Journal,	do	8 255 00
July 5.	By cash paid Bishop Johns, on account salary, \$200	do	9 232 00
	By cash paid Bishop Johns, travelling expenses, \$32	do	
	By cash paid Wm. Suddards,	do	10 7 00
Sept. 27.	By cash paid Bishop Johns, on account salary, \$300	do	11 370 00
	By cash paid Bishop Johns, on account travelling expenses, \$70,	do	
	By cash paid Gaskill & Cooper,	do	12 12 50
	By amount carried up,		\$2,655 53

<i>By amount brought up,</i>			\$2,655 53
Nov. 25.	By cash paid Bishop Johns, on account salary, \$600	} do	
	By cash paid Bishop Johns, on account travelling ex- penses, \$22 50,		13 622 50
	By cash paid Bishop Johns, order favor N. Stewart,		14 150 00
Dec. 26.	By cash paid Bishop Meade, travelling expenses and postage,	do	15 100 00
1849.			
Jan. 2.	By cash paid Bishop Johns, on account salary,	do	16 500 00
April 9.	By cash paid Bishop Johns, on account salary,	do	17 250 00
May 10.	By cash paid Bishop Johns, travelling expenses and postage,	do	18 65 00
	By cash on hand,		794 72
			<u>\$5,137 75</u>

(B)

*Contributions to Contingent Fund for 1849.*

Lynnhaven Parish, Princess Ann,	\$26 00
Centurion Church, Old Point,	17 00
St. Paul's, Norfolk,	152 50
St. James' Church, Brentsville, Prince William,	18 00
St. Paul's Church, Haymarket, Prince William,	33 00
Falls Church, Fairfax,	10 00
Zion Church, do	18 00
Monumental Church, Richmond,	151 00
St. James' Parish, Powhatan,	18 00
St. John's Church, Berkeley Parish, Spottsylvania,	18 00
Christ Church, Spottsylvania,	17 00
St. Margaret's, Caroline,	36 00
Grace Church, York Hampton Parish, York,	5 00
St. James' Church, Richmond,	133 00
Christ Church, Charlottesville,	66 00
St. James' Church, St. Mark's Parish, Culpeper,	30 00
St. Stephen's Church, St. Mark's Parish, do	29 00
St. Peter's Church, Port Royal, and Grace Church, Caroline,	52 00
St. Paul's Church, King George,	25 00
St. John's Church, do do	11 00
St. Paul's Church, Goochland,	20 00
St. Andrew's Parish, Brunswick,	36 00
St. Thomas' Church, Holston parish,	11 00

*Amount carried over,*\$932 50

<i>Amount brought over,</i>	<b>\$932 50</b>
Christ Church, Smithfield,	<b>35 00</b>
St. Paul's Church, Lynchburg,	<b>109 00</b>
St. Thomas' Church, Middletown, Frederick,	<b>22 00</b>
Christ Church, Kingston Parish, Mathews,	<b>6 00</b>
Christ Church, Middlesex,	<b>8 00</b>
South Farnham Parish, Essex,	<b>38 00</b>
Roanoke Parish, Halifax,	<b>18 00</b>
St. Luke's Church, Mecklenburg,	<b>14 00</b>
Trinity Church, Russel Parish, Bedford,	<b>20 00</b>
Pedlar Mills, Lexington Parish, Amherst,	<b>14 87</b>
St. Andrew's Parish, Trinity Church, Shepherdstown,	<b>40 00</b>
St. Peter's Parish, St. Peter's Church, New Kent	<b>14 00</b>
Grace Church, Petersburg,	<b>45 00</b>
Antrim Parish, Halifax county,	<b>65 00</b>
St. Ann's Parish, Albemarle,	<b>22 00</b>
Christ Church, Alexandria,	<b>115 00</b>
Heber Parish, Bedford,	<b>18 00</b>
St. Thomas' Church, Orange,	<b>58 00</b>
Bloomfield Parish, Madison county,	<b>16 00</b>
St. Martin's Parish, Hanover,	<b>62 00</b>
Botetourt Parish, Botetourt,	<b>39 00</b>
New Glasgow, Amherst,	} Lexington Parish,
Ascension Church, do	
Trinity Church, Portsmouth Parish,	<b>60 00</b>
Raleigh and Genito Parishes, Powhatan and Amelia,	<b>39 00</b>
Trinity Church, Staunton,	<b>97 00</b>
Leeds Parish, Fauquier,	<b>35 00</b>
Dale Parish, Chesterfield,	<b>14 00</b>
St. Paul's, Petersburg,	<b>188 00</b>
Hungars Parish, Northampton,	<b>50 00</b>
Martins Brandon, Prince George,	<b>42 00</b>
Abingdon and Ware Parishes, Gloucester,	<b>46 00</b>
St. George's Church, Fredericksburg,	<b>152 00</b>
St. Ann's Parish, Essex,	<b>12 00</b>
St. James' Church, Cumberland,	<b>11 00</b>
Cumberland Parish, Lunenburg,	<b>45 00</b>
St. Paul's Church, Suffolk, Nansemond,	<b>33 00</b>
St. John's Church, Chuckatuck, do	<b>7 00</b>
Westover Parish, Charles City,	<b>33 00</b>
Trinity Parish, Louisa,	<b>3 00</b>
Trinity Church, Buchanan,	<b>20 00</b>
St. James' Church, Warrenton,	<b>42 00</b>
St. Stephen's Church, Fauquier,	<b>10 00</b>
St. James' Parish, Columbia,	<b>19 00</b>
Wickliffe Parish, Clarke,	<b>68 00</b>

*Amount carried up,*

**2,771 37**



<i>Amount brought up,</i>	<b>2,771 37</b>
ish, Greenville,	21 00
St. John's Church,	10 00
urch, Alexandria,	146 00
Parish, Albemarle,	12 00
ish, Loudoun,	84 00
urch, Albemarle,	20 00
linwiddie,	23 00
urch, Henrico Parish, Henrico,	58 00
, Winchester,	79 00
, Millwood,	55 00
, Williamsburg,	63 00
, Wood,	22 00
rch, Richmond,	219 00
ish, Mecklenburg,	36 00
sh, Hanover,	12 00
, Norfolk,	345 00
Church, Hamner Parish, Bedford,	43 00
rch, Suffolk Parish, Nansemond, (additional)	1 00
Church, Wheeling,	124 00
ish,	5 00
ch, Albemarle, (additional)	2 00
Parish Lancaster	26 00
urch, Louisa,	9 00
urch, Tillotson Parish, Buckingham,	22 00
, Charlottesville (additional),	1 00
Littleton Parish, Cumberland,	19 00
, Rockbridge	25 00
Upperville, Fauquier,	18 00

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**\$4,271 37**

**H. WILSON, *Treasurer pro tem.***

(C)

ceived for delinquencies of 1848.

ish, Madison,	\$5 00
i, Staunton,	8 00
ceived for delinquencies of 1846:	
, Charlottesville,	11 00

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**\$24 00**

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(D)

delinquent for 1845, of which no part has been paid,  
: D, Journal of 1846,) is **\$324 25**

(E)

delinquent for 1846, (as per statement D, Journal

of 1847, less \$9 00, received last year from Cumberland Parish, Lunenburg county, and \$11 00, received this year from Christ Church, Charlottesville,) is

\$290 01

(F)

The amount delinquent for 1847, (as per statement F, Journal of 1847, less \$16, paid by Centurion Church, Elizabeth city,) is

\$462 00

(G)

The amount delinquent for 1848, (as per statement H, Journal of 1848, less \$5 00, received from Bloomfield Parish, Madison county, and \$8 00 received from Trinity Church, Staunton,) is

\$249 38

(H)

Parishes and Churches which appear delinquent for 1849 :

St. Paul's Church, Norfolk,	\$27 50
†Washington Parish, Westmoreland,	20 00
†Cople Parish, do	10 00
St. Michael's and St. George's, Accomac,	7 00
Zion Church, St. Andrew's Parish, Jefferson,	74 00
Grace Church, Clarke,	21 00
St. Stephen's Church, Hamner Parish, Bedford,	15 00
St. Luke's Church, Lexington Parish,	32 00
†St. John's and St. Luke's, Kanawha,	41 00
Walker's Church, Albemarle,	1 00
†St. Ann's Parish, Essex,	12 00
Fall's Church, Fairfax,	1 00
Zion Church, Fairfax,	1 00
Emanuel Church, Powhatan,	11 00
St. Thomas' Church, Orange,	11 00
Bloomfield Parish, Madison,	5 00
Christ Church, Millwood, Clarke,	3 00
Latimer Parish, Rockbridge,	5 00
Grace Church, Petersburg,	47 00
Grace Church, Littleton Parish, Cumberland,	4 00
Trinity Church, Shepherdstown, Jefferson,	20 00
†Camden Parish, Pittsylvania,	46 00

*Amount carried up,*

**\$404 50**

†The Secretary has received, since the Convention, and transmitted to the Treasurer, from the Parishes above reported delinquent, as follows:

Cople Parish Westmoreland,	8 00
Washington Parish, Westmoreland,	8 00
Camden Parish, Pittsylvania,	20 00

The Secretary has been requested by the Treasurer to acknowledge the receipt by him of the following sums, since the adjournment of the Convention:

Rockfish Church, Fredericksville Parish,	2 00
St. John's and St. Luke's Churches, Kanawha Parish,	31 00
St. Ann's Parish, Essex,	12 00

<i>Amount brought up,</i>	\$404 50
Trinity Church, Portsmouth,	1 00
St. Mark's Church, Kanawha,	9 00
Meade Parish, Fauquier,	21 00
Trinity Church, Wood,	11 00
St. Peter's Church, Tillotson's Parish, Buckingham,	7 00
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	\$453 50

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Parishes and Churches which appear to have made no report for 1849:

Norborne Parish, Berkeley,  
 St. John's Church, Hampton,  
 Christ Church, Lancaster,  
 Kanawha Parish, Charleston,  
 St. James' Church, Shelburne Parish,  
 West Russell Parish, Bedford,  
 Nelson Parish, Nelson,  
 Beaver Dam, Goochland,  
 Accomac Parish,  
 Albemarle Parish, Sussex,  
 Boyden Parish, Augusta,  
 Cornwall Parish, Charlotte,  
 Franklin Parish, Franklin,  
 Lunenburg Parish, Richmond county,  
 St. John's and Christ Churches, Brooke,  
 St. David's Parish, King William,  
 Trinity Church, Parkersburg.

The resignation of Wm. Williams, Esq., as Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Society, having been announced, and a suggestion made of the necessity of electing a successor, the following resolution was offered and adopted unanimously:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary be directed to address a letter to Mr. Williams, expressive of the grateful sense entertained of his faithful and efficient services as Secretary of the Diocesan Missionary Society, and to communicate to him the unanimous wish of this Convention, that he would reconsider his determination and withdraw his resignation.†

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†The Secretary lost no time, after the adjournment of the Convention, in addressing a letter to Mr. Williams, in conformity with the above resolution, and is gratified to state, that, at the sacrifice of all personal considerations, Mr. Williams, in deference to the wishes of the Convention, thus flatteringly expressed, promptly withdrew his resignation and will continue to act as Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Society.

8 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention met after recess.

Mr. Minor, who had voted with the majority of the Laity upon the 19th Canon, addressed the Convention and stated, at some length, the reasons which induced him to move a reconsideration of the vote by which it had been rejected. He was followed by others, who had also voted in the majority, and the resolution to reconsider was adopted, *unanimously*.

It was, thereupon,

*Resolved*, That the further consideration of the 19th Canon be postponed until the next Convention.

The Rev. Mr. Denison, from the Committee on Parochial Reports, made a verbal report.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the several religious denominations of the town for the use of their respective Churches.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention be presented to the citizens of Charlottesville, for the hospitality and kindness extended to its members.

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer be directed to pay the expenses of the Secretary in attending this Convention.

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer be directed to pay the door-keeper of this Convention ten dollars.

*Resolved*, That the Secretary cause to be printed two thousand copies of this Journal, for distribution among the Parishes.

After the usual religious services, the Convention then, at half past 9, adjourned, to meet in St. Paul's Church, Alexandria, on the 3rd Wednesday in May, 1850.

WILLIAM MEADE,  
*President of the Convention.*

WM. M. BLACKFORD, *Secretary.*

## A P P E N D I X .

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### PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

*Antrim Parish, Halifax*—JOHN GRAMMER, Rector.—Communicants: added 7; suspended 1; total (of whites 65, of colored 17,) 82; baptisms: infants, white 13; colored 6; total 19; confirmations: white 5; colored 1; total 6; marriages: white 3, colored 2; total 5; funerals, white 3; number of families 35; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$350 59; for Virginia Bible Society \$66 50; for American Colonization Society \$112 00

*Abingdon and Ware Parishes, Gloucester county*—CHARLES MANN, Rector.—Communicants: added 4; removed 2; died 1; total 45; baptisms: adults 2, white; infants 9, white; 3 colored; total 14; funerals 1; number of families 36; adults 130; infants 65; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$296 00.

*Bruton Parish, Williamsburg*—HENRY M. DENISON, Rector.—Communicants: added 11; removed 11; died 2; total 63; baptisms, infants, white 1; confirmations 7; marriages 1; funerals 3; number of families 37; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$126 70,

The contribution of the parish to the permanent fund of the Seminary was accidentally left behind and will be forwarded to the Treasurer.

The present Rector took charge of the parish, October 1st, 1848, and his report does not include the previous part of the year.

*Botetourt Parish, Botetourt and Roanoke counties*—GEORGE T. WILMER, Rector.—Communicants: added 7, five from other parishes; removed 2; died 3; total 39 white, 1 colored—40; baptisms: infants 4 white; marriages 1; funerals 6; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$59.

*Buck Mountain and St. Paul's Churches, Albemarle, and Rockfish Church, Nelson county*—SAMUEL R. SLACK, Rector.—Communicants: added 4; removed 4; died 1; suspended one; total 37; baptisms: infants, white, 3; total 3; confirmations: 1 since last report; marriages 1; funerals 1; number of families 38; amount collected for different institutions of the Church, \$36 58.

The present incumbent took charge of this parish about the middle of September last. His report is, therefore, only for the intermediate time. The parish is of nearly fifty miles extent, and the Rector is, consequently, enabled only to hold services two Sundays in the month in the first named Church, and one Sunday in the month in each of the other two. He has been happy, however, to avail himself of the increasing interest in the ministrations of the Church, by holding occasional public and social services on festival and fast days, and at such other times as opportunity afforded for meeting congregations.

*Bloomfield Parish, Madison county*—J. EARNEST, Rector.—Communicants: added 5; removed 1; died 1; withdrawn 1, colored; total 23; viz: white 21; colored 2; baptisms: adults 1; infants 4; viz: white 2; colored 2; total 5; confirmations 5; funerals 1; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$16 07.

*Bath Parish, Dinwiddie—Sappony and Calvary Churches*—WELINGTON E. WEBB, Rector.—Communicants: added 5, two from other parishes; removed 2; total 37; viz: 33 white, 4 colored; baptisms: infants, 3 white, adults 1; marriages, 1; funerals 2.

*Christ Church, Fairfax Parish, Alexandria and Fairfax counties*—CHARLES B. DANA, Rector.—Communicants: added 10, three from other cures; removed 8; died 2; total 125, ten of whom are colored persons; baptisms: infants, white 12; colored 3; total 15; confirmations 9; marriages 1; funerals 12; number of families 80; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$1000.

*Christ Church, Middlesex county*—G. S. CARRAWAY, Rector.—Communicants: added 1; removed 2; died 1; total 8; baptisms: infants 1; confirmations 1; funerals 1; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$51 75.

*Christ Church, Kingston parish, Matthews county*—G. S. CARRAWAY, Rector.—Communicants: added 2, from other parishes; removed 4; total 6; baptisms: 1 white infant; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$40 00.

*Christ Church, Millwood, Clarke county*—J. F. HOFF, Rector.—Communicants: added 8; removed 4; died 3; total 58; baptisms: infants 8; viz: white 8; confirmations 5; marriages 7; funerals 4; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$382 50.

*Christ Church, Charlottesville*—RICHARD K. MEADE, Rector.—Communicants: added 3; removed 2; died 1; total 66; baptisms: infants 26; viz: white 25; colored 1; total 26; confirmations 3; marriages 4; funerals 4; amount collected for institutions of the Church, \$567 50.

*Christ Church, Henry county*—A. WADE, M. D. Rector.—Communicants: added 3; removed 2; total 11; baptisms: adults 3; white 3; infants 2; viz: white 2; total 5; confirmations 1; funerals 1.

*Cople Parish, Westmoreland county*—W. M. MCGUIRE, Rector.—Communicants: added 4; total 10; baptisms: adults 2; total 2; confirmations 2; number of families 8, adults 18, infants 12; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$12 82.

The work of a new frame Church, of good dimensions, has been commenced in this parish. The edifice is to be erected at Westmoreland Court House, and, in the course of a few months, will be ready for the use of the congregation.

*Cumberland Parish, St. John's and St. Paul's Churches, Lunenburg county*—THOS. E. LOCKE, Rector.—Communicants: added 2, one from another cure; died 1; total 47, including 2 colored; baptisms: white 1; confirmations 1; marriages 2; funerals 7; number of families 24, adults 65, infants 68; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$54 50.

*Christ Church, Smithfield, Newport Parish, Isle of Wight county*—JOHN C. McCABE, Rector.—Communicants: added 1; removed 1; died 2; total 35 white and 4 colored; baptisms: infants 13; viz: white 11, colored 2; total 13; marriages 2; funerals 8; number of families 18, adults 50, infants 31; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$64 00.

*Christ Church, Norfolk*—GEORGE D. CUMMINS, Rector.—Communicants: added 17; removed 18; died 9; suspended 1; total 345; baptisms: adults 4; white 4; infants 45; viz: white 44; colored 1; total 49; confirmations 25; marriages 7; funerals 26; number of families 165; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$3,542 38.

*Camden Parish, Pittsylvania county*—Geo. W. DAME, Rector.—Communicants: added 15; removed 3; died 1; total 48; baptisms: adults, white 2; infants, white 1; total 3; confirmations 2; marriages 3; funerals 6; number of families 31, adults 81, infants 55.

*Cople Parish, Westmoreland county*—W. M. N. WARD, Rector.—Communicants: total 10; baptisms: infants, white 6; marriages, white 3; free colored 2; total 5; funerals 1; number of families 16; adults 35; infants 42.

The number of communicants has been reduced nearly half in this parish, in consequence of the formation of a new parish out of part of it. A new Church has been built within the present limits

of the parish, and was consecrated, in November last, to the service of Almighty God, by Bishop Meade.

*Christ Church Parish, Lancaster*—Communicants: removed 1; total 26; baptisms 8 colored; contributions to the Contingent Fund \$26 00; for the Education Society \$25 10. I regret much to have to state that this parish is still without a Rector.

We have, through the goodness of the Rev. Mr. Carraway and the Rev. Mr. Edward B. McGuire, had divine service in White Chapel Church, three times since the visitation of the Bishop, twice by the former and once by the latter.

J. CHEWNING, *Lay Delegate.*

*Centurion Church, Elizabeth City Parish and county*—MARR L. CHEVERS, Rector.—Communicants: added 8; removed 7; total 17; baptisms: 9, all white; marriages 6; funerals 44; of this number 36 died of yellow fever on their return from Mexico; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$212 50.

Our Sunday School is in successful operation. As in years past, I hold a Sunday night service for the colored persons residing at the Point, which is usually well attended.

*Christ Church, Winchester*—C. WALKER, Rector.—Communicants: added 6; removed 15; died 2; suspended 1; total 83; baptisms: adults 4; white 2; colored 2; infants 8; viz: white 8; total 12; confirmations 10; marriages 5; funerals 4; number of families 54, adults 160, infants 106; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$502 60.

*Christ Church, Spottsylvania county*—D. N. WHARTON, Rector.—Communicants: added 1; white 17, colored 2; total 19; marriages 1; funerals: white 1, colored 1; amount collected for different institutions of the Church, \$30.

*Emmanuel Church, Powhatan county*—ANDREW FISHER, Rector.—Communicants: added 1; removed 2; total 11; baptisms: infants, white 3; funerals 1; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$35 00.

*Falls Church, Fairfax county*—WM. F. LOCKWOOD, Rector.—Communicants: added 3; suspended 1; total 11; baptisms: adults 2 white; infants 3, white; total 5; confirmations 3; funerals 2.

*Farnham Parish, Richmond county*—WM. N. WARD, Rector.—Communicants: added 1; died 2; total 13; baptisms: white 2 infants; confirmations 1; funerals 5; number of families 10; adults 22; infants 22.

*Grace and Wickliffe Churches, Clarke county*—RICHARD H. WILMER, late Rector.—Communicants: added 9; removed 2; died 2; total 93; baptisms: adult 1, white; infants, white 8; colored 1; total 10; confirmations 10; marriages 8; funerals 8; number of families 62, adults 172, infants 165; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$575.



*Trace Church, Petersburg*—CHURCHILL J. GIBSON, Rector.—Communicants: added 19; removed 4; died 2; suspended 1; withdrawn 1; total 94, 2 colored; baptisms: adults 4; white 2; colored 2; infants 18; viz: white 14; colored 4; total 22; confirmations 28; marriages 24; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$213.

The Rector is thankful to be able to report a still encouraging state of things in his congregation. The attendance of colored persons has increased the past year and the Church, on the whole, become so much strengthened that their wants require a new church, more commodious and conveniently located. A lot has been generously given them by R. B. Bolling, Esq., and \$1000 been subscribed towards the building. As the seats are to be entirely free, I have determined to adopt the plan of "weekly offerings," in addition to that of annual subscriptions, in order to keep the Church self-supporting.

*Trace Church, York Hampton Parish, Yorktown*—EDMUND BERS, Rector.—I undertook the charge of this parish in February last, finding here four communicants. I also officiate at Eastern Lunatic Asylum, as its Chaplain, every Sunday morning.

*Trace Parish, St. John's Church, Richmond*—H. S. KEPPLER, Rector.—The following report dates from the middle of last October, at which time the present Rector assumed the charge of the parish.

Communicants: added 2; removed 1; died 1; present number, including 1 colored, 59; baptisms: 1 white adult; 4 infants, white; marriages: 4 white, 3 colored; funerals 4; number of families 50; contributions to the different institutions of the Church, including communion alms, and the repairs of the Church and Rectory, \$85. A Bible Class has been formed with pleasing prospect of usefulness. The children of the congregation are catechized monthly in the Church.

*Trace Parish, Northampton county*—J. UFFORD, Rector.—Communicants: added 1; removed 1; died 1; total 50; baptisms: adults, white 3, colored 5; total 8; marriages 3; funerals 3.

*Trace Parish, St. John's and St. Luke's Churches, Kanawha county*—F. M. WHITTLE, Rector.—Communicants: added 9; removed 7; died 1; total 41; baptisms: adults 4; white 4; infants 14; white 6; colored 8; total 18; confirmations 4; marriages 4; funerals 8; number of families 36, adults 100, infants 50; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$125.

In addition to my ministrations in the above Churches, the Rev. Mr. Nash and myself have held services, the last Sunday in February month, in Mason county, in the morning at Bruce Chapel, near Cer's Bottom, and in the afternoon at Point Pleasant. These

places are sadly in need of a missionary. At Bruce Chapel there has been 1 infant baptism; 1 confirmation: and 1 funeral; number of communicants 8. At Point Pleasant, communicants 3.

*Lunenburg Parish, Richmond county*—WM. N. WARD, Rector.—Communicants: added 1; died 2; total 18; baptisms: infants, white, 5; confirmations 1; marriages 2; funerals 2; number of families 10; adults 29; infants 14.

*Lynnhaven Parish, Princess Ann county*—LEWIS WALKER, Rector.—Communicants: died 1; removed 1; total 26; baptisms: white, infants, 6; funerals 3; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$46.

*Lyttleton Parish, Grace Church, Cumberland county*—OLCOTT BULKLEY, Rector.—Communicants: removed 4; total 23; 1 colored; baptisms: infants, white 1; total 1; marriages 1; funerals 4; number of families 12, adults 36, infants 17; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$200.

*Lyttleton Parish, St. James' Church, Cumberland county*—OLCOTT BULKLEY, Rector.—Communicants: removed 3; total 11; baptisms: infants, white 2; number of families 6, adults 13, infants 14; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$70.

*Latimer Parish, Rockbridge county*—ROBERT NELSON, Rector.—Communicants: added 10, 5 from other parishes; removed 7; total 31; baptisms: adults 2; white 2; infants, white 4; total 6; funerals 2; number of families 14, adults 47, infants 40; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$45 00.

*Leeds Church, Fauquier county*—WM. H. PENDLETON, Rector. Communicants: added 5; removed 5; total 35; baptisms: infants, white, 9; confirmations 1; marriages 1; funerals 1; number of families 15, adults 51, infants 42; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$422 10.

*Mount Laurel Church, Halifax county*—JOHN T. CLARK, Rector.—Communicants: died 1; total 18; baptisms: white 2; marriages 3; funerals 4; number of families 13; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$300.

*Moore Parish, Campbell county*—CARTER PAGE, Rector.—Communicants: removed 3; transferred 3; died 1; total number at present in the parish 10; funerals 3; families 10, adults 33, infants 14.

The subscriber took charge of this parish about the 1st of October last, and, unless when inclement weather prevented, has officiated regularly at St. John's and the Court House, on each Sabbath. Ever since my connection with the parish, I have held services at the Court House for the benefit of the colored people, and also at St. John's, since the days have become long enough to admit of it,

*Monumental Church, City of Richmond, Henrico county*—GEO. WOODBRIDGE, Rector.—Communicants: added 26; removed 14; died 4; withdrawn 4; total 153; baptisms: adults 4; infants 15; total 19; confirmations 11; marriages 6; funerals 17; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, about \$510 00; besides which, the congregation have contributed towards the repairs of the Church edifice, principally through the exertions of the ladies, about \$1000.

*Martin's Brandon Parish, Prince George county*—CHARLES MINNIGERODE, Rector.—Communicants: added 9; total 43, including one colored person; marriages 2; funerals 1; number of families 37, adults about 100; infants about 90; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$330 00.

The above report embraces only the acts of the present Rector, who entered on his duties in January last.

*Mende Parish, Fauquier and Loudon counties*—WM. M. JACKSON, Rector.—Communicants: added 7; removed 2; died 1; total 39; baptisms 3; number of families 35, adults 97, infants 67; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$426 00.

*Meherrin Parish, Greensville county*—D. FRANCIS SPRIGG, Rector.—Communicants: added 4; total 21 white and 6 colored; baptisms: infants, colored, 10; confirmations 9, 3 colored; marriages: 2 white and 3 colored; funerals 1, amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$166 11.

Since the last report from this parish, a Church has been consecrated at Hicksford.

*Morborne Parish, Mount Zion and Calvary Churches, Berkeley county*—JAMES CHISHOLM, Rector.—Communicants: added 1; removed 2; total 60; baptisms: infants, white, 3; confirmations 1; marriages 1; funerals 2.

*Nelson Parish, Nelson county*—F. D. GOODWIN, Rector.—Communicants: added 1; died 1; total 29; baptisms: white 2; funerals 2; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$25 89.

*Raleigh and Genito parishes, Grub Hill and Grace Churches, Amelia and Powhatan counties*—P. F. BERKELEY, Rector.—Communicants: added 3; died 1; total 40; baptisms: white 4; colored 1; total 5; marriages 2; funerals 8; number of families 27, adults 89, infants 40; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$248 00.

*St. Andrew's Church, Brunswick county*—ROBERTS P. JOHNSON, Rector.—Communicants: added 2; withdrawn 1; total 58, white 36, colored 22; baptisms: infants, white, 8, number of families 19; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$204 50.

*St. James' Church, Henrico county*—A. EMPIE, Rector.—Communicants: added 23; removed 8; died 2; total 141, of whom 8 are colored; baptisms: adults, white, 2; colored 2; infants, white 15; colored 1; total 20; confirmations 13; marriages 7; funerals 9; number of families 87, adults 251, children 150; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$221 75.

*St. John's Church, Prince George county*—N. A. OKESON, Rector.—Communicants: removed 1; total 4, baptisms: infants 4; white 2; colored 2; marriages 3; funerals 7.

*St. Thomas' Church, Frederick county*—WM. F. BRYANT, Rector.—Communicants: added 1; total 20; baptisms: infants, white, 2; confirmations 1; number of families 6; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$60.

*St. George's and St. Michael's Churches, Accomac county*—J. AMBLER WEED, Rector.—Communicants: total 7; baptisms: infants, colored, 5.

A new Church has just been completed in the village of Bellhaven, in this parish, which was consecrated, on 16th April, by Bishop Johns.

*St. Matthew's, Emmanuel and New Glasgow Churches, Lexington parish, Amherst county*.—Communicants: removed 18, died 2; withdrawn 1; total 41; baptisms: infants, white, 1; funerals 2; number of families 20; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$49 00.

MARSHALL L. HARRIS, *Lay Delegate*.

*St. John's Church, Louisa county*—E. BOYDEN, Rector.—Communicants: total 9; baptisms: infants, white, 2; funerals 3; number of families 8.

This new parish has been associated with Walker's during the past year.

*St. Peter's Church, Tillotson parish, Buckingham county*—WM. C. MEREDITH, Rector.—Communicants: added 6; removed 4; total 32; baptisms: adults, colored, 1; infants 4; viz: white 2; colored 2; total 5; marriages 5; funerals 2; number of families 15, adults 43; infants 26; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$191 50.

*St. George's Church, Fredericksburg*—E. C. MCGUIRE, Rector.—Communicants: added 10; removed 9; died 5; total 152; baptisms: adults, white, 2; infants, white, 13; confirmations 12; marriages 1; funerals 12; number of families 100; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$750 00.

There is still reason for acknowledging the good hand of our God, in the condition of this parish. We have shared the encouraging tokens of his grace and goodness. The undertaking reported to the last Convention has issued in the completion of a new

Church, large and commodious, gratifying the taste in its architectural beauty and promising much advantage to us in prosperity and growth. The builders have been paid, leaving us without debt.

*St. Paul's Church, Richmond, Henrico county*—RT. REV. J. JOHNS, acting as Rector.—Communicants: added 3; removed 2; died 4; total 223; baptisms: infants, white, 18; confirmations 4; marriages 5; funerals 14. The amount collected for the different institutions of the Church cannot be accurately stated on account of the absence of the Rev. Mr. Norwood.

*St. Matthew's Church, Wheeling*—WM. ARMSTRONG, Rector.—Communicants: added 11; removed 4; withdrawn 2; died 4; marriages 8; funerals 8; baptisms: adults 3; infants 18; communicants: white 124; colored 3; total 127.

*St. John's Church, Spottsylvania*—D. M. WHARTON, Rector.—Communicants: added 2; removed 1; total 18; funerals: white 1, colored 1; families 7, adults about 20; children 12; amount collected for objects connected with the Church, including Contingent Fund, \$20 00.

*St. James' Church, Warrenton, Fauquier county*—GEORGE H. NORTON, Rector.—Communicants: added 7; removed 4; died 4; withdrawn 1; total 43; baptisms: adults, white, 1; colored 1; infants, white 5; colored 5; total 12; confirmations 7; marriages 8; funerals 8; number of families 30; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$200 00.

*St. Stephen's Church, Fauquier county*—GEO. H. NORTON, Rector.—Communicants: added 1; removed 1; total 10; baptisms: adults, white 1; infants, white 2; total 3; marriages 1; funerals 1; number of families 12; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$49 00.

*St. Stephen's Church, Bedford county*—O. A. KINSOLVING, Rector.—Communicants: added 3; removed 4; died 1; total 59; baptisms: infants, white, 4; marriages 6; funerals 4; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$150 00.

*St. Luke's Church, Powhatan county*—ANDREW FISHER, Rector.—Communicants: removed 3; total 17; baptisms: infants, white 1; funerals 1; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$107 00.

*St. Paul's Church, Alexandria*—J. T. JOHNSTON, Rector.—Communicants: added 14; removed 10; died 5; withdrawn 2; total 148; baptisms: adults 3; infants 31; viz: white 29; colored 2; total 34; confirmations 11; marriages 6; funerals 12; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$1091 60.

*St. Margaret's Church, Caroline county*—D. W. WHARTON, Rector.—Communicants 36; baptisms: infants 3; funerals, colored 1; number of families 12, adults, from 40 to 45; children about 25;

amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$35.

*St. Martin's Parish, Hanover*—WM. V. BOWERS, Rector.—Communicants: added 3; removed 1; died 2; total 62; baptisms: whites, adult 1; infants 5; colored, infants 1; total 7; marriages 3; funerals 2; confirmations 10; number of families 37; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$238 00.

*St. Paul's Church, Lynchburg*—WM. H. KINCKLE, Rector.—Communicants: added 6, removed 11, total 112, of whom three are colored; baptisms: infants, white 10, colored 3, total 13; marriages 8, of which, 5 were colored persons; funerals 13; amount contributed to the different institutions of the Church, \$491 30.

*St. Paul's, Suffolk, and St. John's, Chuckatuck, Churches, Nansemond county*—CHARLES H. DISBROW, Rector.—Communicants: added 9; removed 6; died 3; total 40; baptisms: adults, 8; infants, 24; total 32; confirmations 5; marriages 2; funerals 12; number of families 50; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$150.

*St. Ann's and South Farnham Parishes, Essex county*—JOHN P. MCGUIRE, Rector.—St. Ann's Parish—Communicants: removed 2; died 2; colored 1; white 23; total 34; baptisms: infants, white, 2; marriages 1; funerals 4.

South Farnham Parish—Communicants: added 5; removed 2; died 3; total 38; baptisms: adults, white 2; infants, white, 5; total 7; confirmations 7; marriages 3; funerals 5; amount collected, in both Parishes, for the different institutions of the Church, about \$375 00.

There are three Bible classes, and a Sunday School in operation. The Rev. H. W. L. Temple continues his very useful labors as Assistant Minister of South Farnham Parish.

*St. Thomas' Church, Abingdon, Washington county*—JAMES D. McCABE, Rector.—Communicants: added 1, white; removed 2, colored; total 13; baptisms: adults, white 1; infants, white, 2; total 3; number of families 7, adults 15, infants 20.

*St. Paul's Church, Hanover*—E. B. MCGUIRE, Rector.—Communicants: removed 2; total 12; baptisms: infants, white, 1; marriages 1; funerals 4; number of families 11; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, \$14 00.

*St. Mark's Church, Knanwha County*—F. B. NASH, Rector.—Communicants: added 2; removed 2; suspended 1; total 20; baptisms: infants, 1 white; confirmations 2; funerals 7; number of families 17, adults 75.

*St. James' Parish, Mecklenburg*—F. H. MCGUIRE, Rector.—Communicants: added 7; total 63; baptisms, infants, white 2; colored 14; total 16; confirmations 3; funerals 4.

*St. Peter's Church, New Kent county*—E. B. MCGUIRE, Rec-

**or.**—Communicants: added 1; total 14; baptisms: adults, white 1; confirmations 3; marriages 1; funerals 4; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$14 00.

**St. John's Church, Teayes' Valley, Putnam county—F. B. WASH, Rector.**—Communicants: removed 1; total 9; number of families 10.

At Buffaloe and Red House, Putnam county, there are no regularly organized Churches, but there are communicants at the two places, and there has been one confirmation.

**St. James' Church, Culpeper county—Communicants:** added 5; removed 2; total 30; baptisms: infants, white 1; confirmations 1; marriages 1; funerals 3; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$137 33.

**St. Paul's Church, Haymarket, Prince William county—JOHN FOWLES, Rector.**—Communicants: added 1; removed 2; total 33; baptisms: infants, white 1.

**St. Thomas' Church, Orange county—J. EARNEST, Rector.**—Communicants: added 4; removed 2; died 1; total 69; baptisms: adults, white 1; infants 19; viz: white 14; colored 5; total 20; confirmations 10; marriages 3; funerals 5; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$115.

**St. Stephen's Church, Culpeper county—Communicants:** added 4; removed 4; died 1; total 30 baptisms: adults, white 3; infants, white 2, total 5, confirmations 8; marriages 2; funerals 6; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church \$92 23.

**St. Paul's Church, Petersburg—HORACE STRINGFELLOW, Rector.**—Communicants: added 14; removed 36; died 5; total 188; baptisms: adults 2; white 1; colored 1; infants 9; viz: white 7; colored 2; total 11; confirmations 10; marriages 3; funerals 10; number of families 100; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$1000.

**Sappona Church, Dale Parish, Chesterfield county—A. B. TIZZARD, Rector.**—Communicants: added 1; removed 1; died 1; total 15; baptisms: adults, colored, 1; infants 23; viz: white 4; colored 19; total 24; marriages 1; funerals 3; number of families 15, adults 28, infants 35; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$83 00.

**St. James Parish, Northam, Goochland and Fluvanna counties—P. B. WILMER, Rector.**—Communicants: added 4; removed 3; died 1; baptisms: adults, 3; infants, white 1; colored 3; total 4; marriages 3; funerals 1; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$200. Annual collection deferred in consequence of the resignation of the Rector of the Parish.

**St. Paul's Church, Elizabeth River Parish, Norfolk city—DAVID CALDWELL, Rector.**—Communicants: added 28; total 180;

baptisms: infants, white 15; confirmations 4; marriages 3; funerals 4; number of families 75; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$1000 00.

St. John's Church, Portsmouth—It will be recollected that this Church was received into connection with the Diocese at our last Convention. The congregation of this Church, though still worshipping at St. Paul's Church, in Norfolk, and under the pastoral care of the Rector of that Church, have done much toward the completion of a Church edifice in Portsmouth. Having purchased an eligible lot, they have erected thereon a very neat brick edifice, forty-seven feet in width by seventy feet in length, which is already so far advanced that its friends hope to be able to finish it during the year.

St. Mark's Parish, Culpeper county—J. W. WOODVILLE, Rector.—Baptisms 4; marriages 4; funerals 3. There is no decided or important improvement in the spiritual condition of this Parish, since my last report.

Besides fulfilling my regular appointments at Flat Run and Little Fork Churches, I have, by particular invitation, since January last, officiated twice a month at the Germanna Woollen Factory, where the congregations are good and orderly, and where, from the peculiar situation of some of them, they are debarred the privilege of attending on religious instruction at other places, where "prayer is wont to be made."

St. Luke's Church and Parish, Clarksville, Mecklenburg county—Communicants: added 3; total 16; viz: whites 14; colored 2; baptisms: adults, white, 1; infants, colored 11; confirmations: white 2; colored 1; total 3; number of families 6; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$14 00.

The Rectorship of this parish has been vacant since December last. The undersigned have had no opportunity of conferring with their late minister in making out the above report, but believe it in the main correct. There is under contract, and in process of erection, a Church, in the flourishing little town of Clarksville, in this parish, which, it is expected, will be completed by the ensuing fall, at which time the parish will stand much in need of, and anxious for, the services of a Minister.

EDW'D. TARRY,  
CHAS. STURDIVANT,  
Church Wardens.

St. John's Church, King George county—WM. FRIEND, Rector.—Communicants: added 1; removed 1; died 1; total 12; baptisms: infants, white 1; funerals 1.

St. Peter's Church, Port Royal and Grace Church, Caroline county—WM. FRIEND, Rector.—Communicants: added 6; removed 1; died 1; total 52; baptisms: adults, white 3; infants, white 4; to-



tal 52; baptisms: adults, white 3; infants, white 4; total 7; confirmations 4; marriages 4; funerals 5; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$60 00

The Rector further reports that he continues to preach twice a month, on Sunday evening, at Concord Academy.

St. James' Church, Loudon county—GEO. ADIE, Rector.—Communicants: added 8; removed 6; total 86, white 84, colored 2; baptisms: adults, white 1; infants, white 9; colored 1; total 11; confirmations 9; marriages 7; funerals 9; number of families 65; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, about \$300 00.

The Rector continues to conduct divine service, regularly, at Belmont, the school of Mrs. Mary Mercer, where his humble labors have been blessed far beyond even his expectations. It has ever been the most interesting field of his labor. He has also preached a few times at Waterford and expects to do so frequently during the summer. Arrangements are being made for the enlargement of our Church building, which we hope will be accomplished during the summer. There are several candidates for confirmation at Belmont.

St. James' Church, Brentsville, Prince William county—JOHN FOWLES, Rector.—Communicants: added 2; removed 2; total 18; baptisms: infants, white 3; marriages 5; funerals 4.

St. Luke's Church, Lexington Parish, Amherst county—NELSON SALE, Rector.—Communicants: removed 6; died 2; joined the Baptists 1; total 32; baptisms: infants, white 7; marriages 1; funerals 3; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, reported by Bishop John's for Diocesan Missions.

I would add that the above Church is only *one* of the Churches of Lexington parish, which is now vacant, and that I only preach once a month in the parish, which is only a temporary arrangement until a better can be effected.

I would also state, in this connection, that I preach once a month to a small congregation, consisting principally of young people, at St. Thomas' Church, West Russell parish, Bedford county, in which there are about ten communicants, one of whom has been added. This parish is also vacant.

St. Ann's Parish, Christ Church, Albemarle—C. E. AMBLER, Rector.—Communicants: added 3; removed 2; total 22; confirmations 3; marriages 1; funerals 1; number of families 13; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$45 10; for the Bible Society and other benevolent purposes, about \$75; total \$120 10.

Trinity Parish, Louisa county—JOHN COOKE, Officiating.—Communicants: removed 2; died 1; total 3; baptisms: infants, white 2; marriages 4; funerals 4.

**Trinity Church, Wood—E. T. PERKINS, Rector.**—Communicants: added 9; removed 8; died 1; total 33; there are, at present, 6 candidates for confirmation; baptisms: infants, white 8; confirmations 8; marriages 3; funerals 3; number of families 35, adults 73, infants 70; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$48 00.

**Trinity Church, Martinsburg, Berkeley county—JAMES CHISHOLM, Rector.**—Communicants: added 3; removed 1; died 2; total 28; baptisms: infants 6; viz: white 4; colored 2; total 6; confirmations 4; marriages 2; funerals 4; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$50 00.

**Trinity Church, Portsmouth, Norfolk county—JOHN H. WINGFIELD, Rector.**—Communicants: added 4; removed 3; died 2; total 62; confirmations 3; marriages 6; funerals 5; number of families 50, adults 140, infants 120; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$75 00.

The vestry have recently purchased a house for the Rector, at a cost of \$2180, with the funds raised by the ladies of the congregation for that purpose.

**Trinity Church, Staunton, Augusta county—T. T. CASTLEMAN, Rector.**—Communicants: added 10; removed 10; suspended 1; total 105; baptisms: infants, white 13; confirmations 8; marriages 7; funerals 6; number of families 61, adults 240, infants 144; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$348 39.

**Trinity Church, Buchanan, Botetourt county—JAMES McELROY, Rector.**—Communicants: removed 1; total 20; baptisms: infants, white 3; number of families 16, adults 43, infants 32; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$45 50.

As a pleasing evidence of interest in the congregation, they have neatly furnished the Church with a Communion Cloth, chandelier, curtains, and a Melodeon, at an expense of \$160 00. The services are well attended. The Sunday School for colored people and the Parish Sunday School are well sustained. The semi-monthly services, for the colored congregation, are still regularly held and encouragingly attended, but we could desire to witness, among the people of all classes, a deeper spiritual interest.

**Trinity Church, Shepherdstown, Jefferson county—C. W. ANDREWS, Rector.**—Communicants: added 6; removed 3; died 1; total 60; baptisms: adults 2; white 1; colored 1; infants 6; viz: white 6; total 8; marriages 1; funerals 5; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, about \$300 00.

**Westover Parish, Charles City county—WM. T. LEAVELL, Rector.**—Communicants: added 9; removed 2; total 33; baptisms: adults, white 1; infants, white 12; colored 5; total 18; confirmations 4; marriages 5; funerals 3; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$271 25.

These contributions are indicative of an improved spirit of pious liberality, which, in addition to the uniformly good attendance upon the services of the Church, induce us to hope that we are growing in all the essential elements of a Christian Church.

Wythe Parish, Wythe county—JAMES D. McCABE, Missionary.—Communicants: added 1; total 4; baptisms: infants, white 1; number of families 3, adults 7, infants 8.

Washington Parish, Westmoreland county—WM. MCGUIRE, Rector.—Communicants: added 3; died 1; total 10; confirmations 2; funerals 5; number of families 14, adults 45, infants 31; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$12 82.

A commodious and excellent brick Church has just been completed, at Oak Grove, in this parish, and is now ready for consecration.

Walker's Church, Albemarle county—E. BOYDEN, Rector.—Communicants: added 3; removed 1; died 1; total 23; baptisms: white, total 3; confirmations 1; marriages 1; funerals 3; number of families 10; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$75 00.

Zion Church, Fairfax county—WM. F. LOCKWOOD, Rector.—Communicants: died 1; total 19; baptisms: infants 3; marriages 6; funerals 6.

Zion Church, St. Andrew's Parish, Jefferson county—ALEXANDER JONES, Rector.—Communicants: added 2; removed 6; died 2; total 74; baptisms: infants, white 11; colored 3; total 14; confirmations 3; marriages 4; funerals 6; number of families 70; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$230 00.

Elk Union and Buffalo Springs, Amherst—E. CHRISTIAN, Rector.—Marriages 2; funerals 1.

He reports that he has officiated regularly at Elk Union and Buffalo Springs; that he is encouraged to hope that his labors have not been in vain, and hopes, with the divine blessing, that he will ultimately be successful in building up the Church.

E. R. LIPPITT.—My official acts, since the last Convention, are: baptisms: infants 2; burials 2; marriages 1.

Having no parochial charge, I have assisted the Rectors of the Churches, in Alexandria, and the clerical brethren in the neighborhood, as my services have been needed.

SAMUEL D. TOMPKINS, (Missionary) Rector of Episcopal congregations in Harrison and Lewis counties—Communicants: added 6; total 20; baptisms: white 6; marriages 2; funerals 2; number of families 15, adults 20, infants 48.

I have received by subscription about \$900, to build a Church in the town of Weston.

[~~63~~ The Committee omitted to make the usual abstract of Parochial Reports.]

# A LIST OF THE CLERGY OF THE DIOCESE OF VIRGINIA, WITH THEIR RESECTIVE PARISHES AND POST OFFICES.

CLERGY.	PARISH OR CHURCH.	POST OFFICE.
Rt. Rev. Wm. Meade, D. D.		Millwood, Clarke,
Rt. Rev. J. Johns, D. D.		Richmond,
Adie, Rev. George	Shelburn Parish,	Leesburg.
Andrews, Rev. C. W.	Trinity Church,	Shepherdstown.
Ambler, Rev. C. E.	St. Ann's Parish,	Scottsville.
Armstrong, Rev. Wm.	St. Matthew's Church,	Wheeling.
Bulkley, Rev. O.	Lytleton Parish,	Langhorne's, Cumberland.
Berkeley, Rev. F. F.	Raleigh and Dale Parishes,	Amelia Court House.
Bowers, Rev. Wm. V.	St. Martin's Parish,	Verdun, Hanover.
Boyden, Rev. E.	St. Ann's & Walker's Parishes,	Everettsville, Albemarle.
Brown, Rev. R. T.	Norborne Parish, Berkeley,	Middleway, Jefferson.
Bryant, Rev. Wm. F.	St. Thomas' Church,	Middletown, Frederick.
Castleman, Rev. T. T.	Trinity Church,	Staunton,
Caldwell, Rev. D.		
Cummins, Rev. G. D.	Christ Church,	Norfolk.
Chevers, Rev. M. L.	Centurion Church,	Old Point Comfort.
Chisholm, Rev. James	Norborne Parish,	Martinsburg.
Clark, Rev. John T.	Roanoke Parish,	Mt. Laurel, Halifax.
Cole, Rev. John	St. Stephen's Church,	Culpeper Court House.
Cooke, Rev. John	Officiating in Louisa,	Etna, Hanover.
Cofer, Rev. J. M.		Liberty.
Christian, Rev. Edmund	Elk Union & Buff. Springs,	Amherst Ct. House.
Carraway, Rev. G. S.	Kingston p'sh, Math. & Mid. Northend,	Matthews.
Dame, Rev. G. W.	Camden and Patrick p'shes,	Danville.
Dana, Rev. C. B.	Christ Church, Fairfax p'sh,	Alexandria.
Doughen, Rev. James	Residing in	Lynchburg.
Dalrymple, Rev. E. A.	Rector Epis. High School,	Theo. Seminary, Fairfax.
Disbrow, Rev. C. H.	St. Paul's Church,	Suffolk, Nansemond.
Denison, Rev. H. M.	Bruton parish,	Williamsburg.
Duval, Rev. Wm.	Armory Church,	Richmond.
Earnest, Rev. Joseph	St. Thomas' Church,	Orange Court House.
Empie, D. D., Rev. A.	St. James' Church,	Richmond.
Friend, Rev. Wm.	St. Peter's & Grace Churches	Port Royal, Caroline.
Fisher, Rev. Andrew	St. James' Southam,	Sublett's Tavern, Powhatan.
Goodwin, Rev. F. D.	Nelson Parish,	Tye River Ware H., Nelson.
Goodwin, Rev. James	St. John's & Christ Churches	Wellsburg.
Grammer, Rev. John	Antrim Parish,	Halifax Court House.
Gibson, Rev. C. J.	Grace Church,	Petersburg.
Hill, Rev. John H.	Missionary,	Athens, Greece.
Henning, Rev. Edmund W.	Missionary,	Africa.
Hoff, Rev. J. F.	Frederick Parish,	Millwood.
Johnson, Rev. R. P.	St. Andrew's, Brunswick,	Sturgeonville, Brunswick.
Jackson, Rev. W. M.	Trinity, Meade Parish,	Upperville, Fauquier.
Jackson, Rev. W. G.	Chaplain U. S. Navy,	Norfolk.
Johnston, Rev. James T.	St. Paul's Church,	Alexandria.
Jones, D. D., Rev. Alex.	St. Andrew's Parish,	Charlestown, Jefferson.
Jones, Rev. W. G. H.	St. James ch., St. George ps.	Drummondtown, Accomac.
Keeling, Rev. Jacob		Suffolk, Nansemond.
Kinckle, Rev. W. H.	St. Paul's Church,	Lynchburg.
Kinsolving, Rev. O. A.	St. Stephen's Ch. Bedford,	Norwood, Bedford.
Keppler, Rev. H. S.	St. John's Church,	Richmond.
Leavell, Rev. W. T.	Westover Parish,	Charles City Court House.
Lippitt, Rev. E. R.		Alexandria.
Locke, Rev. Thomas E.	Cumberland Parish,	Macfarland's store, Lun'bg.

Lockwood, Rev. W. F.	Falls church, Fairfax p'sh } & Zion ch., Truro p'sh, }	Fairfax Court House,
Mann, Rev. Charles	Abingdon & Ware parishes,	Gloucester Court House,
May, D. D., Rev. James	Prof. Theo. Seminary,	Theo. Seminary, Fairfax.
Meade, Rev. R. K.	Christ Church,	Charlottesville.
Minnigerode, Rev. Charles	Martins Brandon parish.	Garysville, Prince George.
McCabe, Rev. James D.	Holston parish, Washington,	Abingdon.
McCabe, Rev. John C.	Newport parish,	Smithfield, Isle of Wight.
McElroy, Rev. J.	Trinity church,	Buchanan.
McGuire, D. D., Rev. E. C.	St. George's Church,	Fredericksburg.
McGuire, Rev. J. P.	St. Ann's & S. Farnham p'h,	Loretto, Essex.
McGuire, Rev. F. H.	St. James' Church,	Boydton, Mecklenburg
McGuire, Rev. E. B.	St. Paul's parish,	Old Church, Hanover.
McGuire, Rev. Wm.	Wash. & Cop. ps., Westm'd,	Oak Grove, Westmoreland.
Meredith, Rev. W. C.	Tillotson parish,	Curdsville, Buckingham.
Nelson, Rev. Robert	Latimer parish,	Lexington.
Newell, Rev. C.	Chaplain U. S. Navy,	
Norwood, Rev. W.	St. Paul's Church,	Richmond.
Nash, Rev. F. B.	St. Mark's Church,	Coalsmouth, Kanawha.
Norton, Rev. G. H.	Hamilton parish,	Warrenton.
Oakeson, Rev. N. A.	St. John's Church,	City Point, Prince George.
Packard, D. D., Rev. Joseph	Prof. Theo. Seminary,	Theo. Seminary, Fairfax.
Payne, Rev. John	Missionary,	Africa
Pendleton, Rev. W. H.	Leeds parish,	Leeds Manor, Fauquier.
Page, Rev. Carter	Moore parish,	Campbell Court House.
Perkins, Rev. E. T.	Missionary,	Parkersburg,
Slaughter, Rev. Philip		
Sale, Rev. Nelson	West Russell parish,	Davis' Store, Bedford.
Stringfellow, Rev. Horace	St. Paul's Church,	Petersburg
Spring, Rev. D. Francis	Meherrin parish,	Poplar Mount, Greenville.
Smith, Rev. George A.	Principal Fairfax Institute,	Theo. Seminary Fairfax.
Smith, Rev. Leonidas		Norfolk.
Slack, Rev. S. R.	Fredericksville parish,	Mechum's River, Albemarle
Sparrow, D. D., Rev. W.	Prof. Theo. Seminary,	Theo. Seminary, Fairfax.
Syle, Rev. E. W.	Missionary,	China.
Temple, Rev. H. W. L.	Officiating in Essex,	Miller's Tavern, Essex.
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Tizzard, Rev. A. B.	Sapony,	Wilkinsonville, Chesterfield.
Tyler, Rev. Joseph D.	Prin. Deaf & Dumb Institute	Staunton.
Tompkins, Rev. S. D.	Missionary,	Weston.
Ufford, Rev. J.	Hungar's parish,	Eastville, Northampton.
Ward, Rev. H. D.	Kanawha parish,	Kanawha Court House.
Ward, Rev. W. N.	{ Lunenburg, Farnham and }	{ Warsaw, Richmond co
	{ Cople Parishes,	{
	{ Berkeley, St. George's }	{ Mt. Pleasant, Spotts'vania
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Wharton, Rev. D. M.		Liberty, Bedford.
Wharton, Rev. John A.		Portsmouth.
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Wilmer, Rev. G. T.	Botetourt parish,	Fincastle.
Withers, Rev. Edmund	York Hampton Parish,	Williamsburg.
Walke, Rev. Lewis	Lynnhaven p'sh, Pr. Ann co.	Norfolk.
Webb, Rev. Wellington	ESapony Church,	Dinwiddie Court House.
Walker, Rev. C.	Christ Ch., Frederick p'sh,	Winchester,
Weed, Rev. Ambler	St. George's church,	Bellhaven, Accomac.
Whittle, Rev. F. M.	Kanawha parish,	Kanawha Ct. House.
Wade, M. D., Rev. Anderson	Patrick parish,	Henry Court House.

[The list of Parishes, contained in the Journal of last year, was, in spite of every exertion of the Secretary to make it otherwise, so incomplete, that it is omitted now, in the hope that, by the co-operation of the Bishops and Clergy, he may present, next year, a full and correct list.]

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# CANONS

*of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Virginia, adopted at the Charlottesville Convention, May 1849.*

## CANON 1.

### *Of the trial of a Bishop.*

The trial of a Bishop shall be on a presentment in writing, specifying the offence of which he is alleged to be guilty, with reasonable certainty as to time, place and circumstances. Such presentment may be made for any crime or immorality, for heresy, for violation of the constitution, canons or rubrics of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the United States, or of this Diocese. Said presentment may be made by the Convention, two-thirds of each order present concurring; *provided* that two-thirds of the Clergy, entitled to seats in said Convention, be present, and *provided also*, that two-thirds of the Parishes and Churches, canonically in union with said Convention, be represented therein, and the vote thereon shall not, in any case, take place on the same day on which the resolution to present is offered. The Convention, making the presentment, shall, by a concurrent vote, appoint a committee of prosecution, to consist of three presbyters and three lay members of their own body, by whom the presentment shall be signed in their official characters.

Such presentment shall be addressed to "the Bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States." It shall be the duty of the committee of prosecution to cause said presentment to be delivered to the presiding Bishop, or, if he be the Bishop to be presented, then to the Bishop next in seniority, who shall thereon be fully empowered to proceed to the trial according to the provisions made by the Canons of the General Convention.

The committee of prosecution shall attend the trial, and prosecute the same.

## CANON 2.

### *Of the trial of a Clergyman, not being a Bishop.*

Sec. 1.—The trial of a Clergyman, not being a Bishop, shall be on a presentment in writing, specifying, with reasonable clearness and certainty as to time, place and circumstance, the crime or misdemeanor, by violation of the Canons or otherwise, charged; the said presentment to be made to the Bishop, either by the Convention, or by the vestry of the Parish to which the accused belongs, or by any three presbyters of this diocese, entitled to seats in the Convention: the said vestry, or presbyters, pledging themselves to act as a committee of prosecution. If, however, the presentment be made by the Convention, then the Convention shall appoint the committee of prosecution, and furnish them with such instructions as may be deemed necessary.



Sec. 2.—Such presentment being made to the Bishop, and being accompanied by a further statement in writing of the names of the witnesses, and of the purport of their evidence, and by such documentary evidence as may be in their possession, the Bishop, unless the accusation appear to him an insufficient cause of presentment in itself, or to be clearly unsupported by evidence, shall immediately proceed to the trial according to the following provisions. He shall nominate from among the Clergy, entitled to seats in the Convention, other than the members of the Standing Committee, eight presbyters, and cause a list of their names and a copy of the presentment to be furnished to the accused, or left at his last place of residence. Of the eight presbyters, nominated as aforesaid, the accused may choose five, or, in case of his refusal, or neglect, for twenty days, so to do, the Bishop shall select five, and the presbyters so chosen shall constitute a court for the trial of the accused. The Bishop shall also, at the same time, cause at least thirty days' notice of the time and place of the trial to be given both to the accused and to the parties presenting him; and also to the presbyters nominated as before provided.

Sec. 3.—The court shall appoint a President and Secretary—the first always from their own body.

Sec. 4.—If the accused appear, before proceeding to trial, he shall be called on by the court to say whether he is guilty or not guilty of the offence, or offences, charged against him, and, on his neglect or refusal to answer, the plea of *not guilty* shall be entered for him, and the trial shall proceed, *provided*, that, for sufficient cause, the court may adjourn, from time to time and place to place, and *provided also*, that the accused shall, at all times during the trial, have liberty to be present, to produce his testimony, and to make his defence.

Sec. 5.—On the request of the accused, or the committee of prosecution, witnesses may be summoned, if before the meeting of the court, by the Bishop, if during the session of the court, then by its President. All testimony shall be given under oath or affirmation, administered by some officer, authorized by law. In case the testimony of any witness, whose attendance on the trial cannot be obtained, is desired, it shall be lawful for either party, at any time after notice of the presentment is served on the accused, to apply to the court, if in session, or if not, to the Bishop, who shall thereupon appoint a commissioner to take the deposition of such witness—And such party, so desiring to take the deposition, shall give to the other party, or some one of them, reasonable notice of the time and place of taking the deposition, accompanying such notice with the interrogatories to be propounded to the witness: whereupon, it shall be lawful for the other party, within six days after such notice, to propound cross interrogatories; and such interrogatories and cross interrogatories, if any be propounded, shall be sent to the commissioner, who shall, thereupon, proceed

to take the testimony of such witness, and transmit it under seal to the court. But no deposition shall be read at the trial, unless the court have reasonable assurance that the attendance of the witness cannot be procured, or unless both parties shall consent that it may be read.

**Sec. 6.**—The court, having deliberately considered the evidence, shall, within ten days after closing the same, declare in a written judgment signed by them, or a majority of them, that the accused is guilty, or not guilty, of the charge, or charges, or any of them, laid in the presentment, in the order therein set forth, and also, if guilty, what punishment shall be awarded; which judgment, with all the evidence received, shall be delivered forthwith to the Bishop, whereupon, unless the Bishop see cause to mitigate or remit the punishment, or to grant a new trial, he shall pronounce sentence according to the judgment of the court, and such sentence shall be final. In case a new trial is granted, a new court shall be constituted according to the provisions of this canon.

**Sec. 7.** If the accused shall neglect or refuse to appear before the court, when summoned according to Sec. 2d. of this canon, and no defence be there made under his authority, the Court shall declare him to be in contumacy, and report the same to the Bishop, and sentence of suspension from the ministry shall pass against him for contumacy; but the said sentence shall be reversed by the Bishop, if, within three calendar months, the accused shall tender himself ready, and accordingly appear to take his trial on the presentment; but, if he shall not so tender himself before the expiration of the said three months, the sentence of degradation from the ministry, for contumacy, shall forthwith be pronounced by the Bishop, who shall cause such sentence to be publicly read to the congregations of the Diocese, by the respective ministers thereof.

**Sec. 8.** If, at any time, the accused shall confess himself guilty of the matters charged in the presentment, or any of them, the court shall proceed to award the punishment and certify the same as herein before provided to the Bishop, who shall, unless he see cause to remit or mitigate the punishment, pronounce the sentence according to the Canons.

**Sec. 9.** All notices and papers contemplated by this canon may be served by a summoner, or summoners, appointed by the Bishop, or by the Court, when the same is in session, and the certificate of any such summoner shall be evidence of the due service of a notice or paper. The delivery of a written notice or paper to a party, or the leaving it at his last place of residence, shall be deemed a sufficient service of such notice or paper.

**Sec. 10.** The accused party may have the privilege of appearing by counsel, and, in case of the exercise of such privilege, but not otherwise, those presenting shall have the like privilege. If the party accused desire it, the trial shall be in public, and said

party shall be entitled to a copy of the evidence, if he require it.

Sec. 11. In case of a presentment occurring during a vacancy in the Episcopal office, such presentment shall be made to the Standing Committee, who shall thereon take such steps as are by this canon enjoined on the Bishop, provided that, on receiving the proceedings and judgment of the court, they shall transmit the same to the Bishop of some other Diocese, who shall be requested, and is hereby authorized, to act thereon, as if he were the Bishop of the Diocese, and if he shall concur in opinion with the court he shall proceed to pronounce sentence accordingly.

#### CANON 3.

*Of the proceedings in the trial of a Layman, after expulsion by the Minister from the Holy Communion.*

If any person, repelled from the Holy Communion, shall allege to the Bishop that injustice has been done, or if, notwithstanding he shall have professed himself ready and willing, in truth and sincerity, to comply with the requisitions expressed in the rubric, in order to be restored to the Holy Communion, his repulsion shall be continued; he may present his complaint in writing to the Bishop, setting forth the grounds thereof, and desiring that he may be restored to the Communion—and then the Bishop, unless he think fit to restore the communicant from the insufficiency of the cause assigned by the minister, shall nominate two of the clergy and two of the laity, of whom the minister repelling shall select one of the clergymen and the communicant one of the laymen, and it shall be the duty of the two, thus chosen, to take without delay the evidence in the case, under oath and in writing, of such witnesses as may be produced by either of the parties, and to certify the same to the Bishop, who, thereupon, unless for his own satisfaction, or for good cause shewn by either of the parties interested, he shall desire further evidence, shall proceed to adjudge the case. If further evidence be required, it shall be obtained and certified, either by the same commission, or by another appointed in the manner above prescribed, as the Bishop may direct. And when the evidence is thus procured, the Bishop shall adjudge the case, and shall communicate his judgment whenever made to the minister repelling and to the communicant repelled, which judgment shall be final and conclusive: *provided* that, in case his judgment shall direct a further continuance of the repulsion, it shall nevertheless be subject to all the conditions and provisions of the rubric.

#### CANON 4.

*Of the transfer of Communicants from one Parish, or Church, to another.*

Every communicant, removing from one Parish or Church to another, within this diocese, and desiring to be enrolled as a communicant thereof, shall present to the Minister a certificate of regular standing from the minister, or, if there be no minister, from

the vestry, of the Parish or Church, from which the communicant desires to be transferred.

#### CANON 5.

*Ministers to be careful in admitting to the Holy Communion.*

No minister shall enrol, any persons as communicants in the Parish or congregation under his charge, until he has conversed with them on the subject, or unless he shall be satisfied that they have been regular communicants in some other Parish or Congregation: nor shall he so enrol any one, who is known to deny the doctrines of the gospel, as generally set forth in the authorized standards of the Church.

#### CANON 6.

*Communicants to have Family Worship.*

It shall be the duty of every communicant in this Church, who is at the head of a family, to live in the daily exercise of family worship.

#### CANON 7.

*The Members of this Church to instruct their Families in the principles of Religion.*

The members of this Church shall instruct their families, as far as they are able, in the principles of the Christian religion. Parents and sponsors shall be careful to teach their children the solemnity and obligation of their baptismal vow, to cause them to attend the catechetical and other instructions of their minister: and, as soon as they are sufficiently instructed and impressed with the importance and sacredness of their baptismal promise, shall take care that they come to the Bishop to be confirmed by him.

#### CANON 8.

*Of the due celebration of Sunday.*

All persons within this Church shall celebrate and keep the Lord's Day, commonly called Sunday, in hearing the word of God read and taught, in private and public prayer, and in acts of charity, using all sober and godly conversation.

#### CANON 9.

*Of Vestries, Church Wardens, &c.*

Sec. 1. The vestries shall be chosen for each Parish in this Diocese, in the following manner. Every person above twenty one years of age, resident of the Parish six months next preceding the day of election, being a pew holder or contributor to the charges of the Parish, shall have a right of suffrage in the election of vestrymen for such Parish: and all persons so qualified shall, on every Easter Monday, assemble in their respective Parishes, at the Parish Church, or at such other place as the minister of the Parish, or, if there be no minister, as any three or more vestrymen, or, if there be not three vestrymen, as any three members of the Church may have publicly notified to the parishioners: and the said persons, so qualified to vote, when assembled, or such

of them as may assemble in each Parish, shall proceed, by a majority of votes, to elect, by ballot, five or more vestrymen, not exceeding twelve, from among the parishioners qualified to vote, who, with the minister of the Parish for the time being, shall be the vestry of the said Parish, for the ensuing year, and continue in office until their successors shall be elected and qualified to act.

Sec. 2. If, from any cause whatever, Easter Monday should elapse without any election of vestrymen, then the said election may be held on any other day (Sunday excepted) appointed for the purpose at any time thereafter, although it may be in any subsequent year, of which day notice shall be given by the minister, if there be any, in his Church, immediately after divine service, on two succeeding Sundays, and, if there be no minister, by any two vestrymen, by writing, set up at the door of the Church, two weeks before the day of meeting.

Sec. 3. Every person, chosen a vestryman, shall, before he acts as such, subscribe to the following declaration and promise:

"I do believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be the word of God, and to contain all things necessary to salvation: and I do yield my hearty assent and approbation to the doctrines and worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in these United States. And I promise that I will faithfully execute the office of a vestryman of Parish in county, without prejudice, favor or affection, according to the best of my skill and knowledge."

Sec. 4. The vestrymen of each Parish, or a majority of those who shall attend, shall judge of the election of vestrymen, of the qualification of voters, and of the qualification of parishioners, proposed to be elected as vestrymen.

Sec. 5. If any vacancy happen in the vestry, or any elected shall refuse to serve, the other members shall have power to appoint a new member, or members, as the case may be, to serve till the succeeding election.

Sec. 6. The minister of the Parish, for the time being, shall preside in the vestry when present, collect the votes, and shall, upon an equal division of those present, have a vote, except in cases in which he is in any manner personally interested. A majority of the whole number of vestrymen shall be necessary to constitute a quorum.

Sec. 7. Whenever a meeting of the vestry shall be necessary, it shall be called by the minister, but, if there be no minister, or if he be absent or refuse or neglect to call a meeting, when requested to do so by any two of the vestrymen, they may themselves summon a vestry.

Sec. 8. On every Easter Monday, after the election of vestrymen, the vestry shall proceed to choose, from among their own body, two suitable persons to be Church Wardens, for the ensuing year. If Church Wardens should not, from any cause, be chosen

by the vestry on Easter Monday, they may be chosen at any subsequent meeting of the vestry.

Sec. 9. The vestry of every Parish shall provide a fit person as Register of the Parish, whose duty it shall be to keep true and fair entries of the proceedings of such vestry, and whenever there shall be no minister of the Parish, then he shall also enter in a book, provided for the purpose by the vestry, all baptisms, marriages and funerals, in the parish, by any minister of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and which may be made known to him by any of the said ministers or vestrymen of the Parish: and it shall also be the duty of said register, in the entry of baptisms to insert the Christian names and surnames of the parents, with dates of the baptisms and births of the persons baptized; and, in the entry of marriages and burials, to insert the time of the celebration and the Christian and surnames of the persons married and the persons buried.

Sec. 10. The term "Parish" wherever it occurs in the foregoing canon, shall be interpreted also to mean Church or Congregation, whenever such Church or Congregation is entitled to a separate vestry, unless where the context requires a more restricted construction.

#### CANON 10.

##### *Concerning exceptions to the foregoing Canon.*

Whereas the preceding canon, which directs the manner of choosing vestrymen in the several parishes, is not applicable to the case of Churches built and supported by voluntary associations of individuals: and it is proper that those who hold the sole property of a particular Church—as in the case of the Monumental Church, Richmond, and in all similar cases—should provide for its care and management, the choice of vestrymen shall be made by the pew-holders of the respective Churches, conforming, as to the time of appointment and manner of qualifying the vestrymen, to the regulations prescribed by the 9th canon, excepting in the case of Christ Church, in the city of Norfolk, which, being under peculiar circumstances in relation to the number of trustees, the time and manner of electing them and the Rector, the pew-holders are permitted to conform to their own regulations in those particulars.

#### CANON 11.

##### *Of the division of Parishes.*

Sec. 1. Whenever the members of the Church, residing in a particular portion of a Parish, shall desire to separate from the Parish of which they form a part, it shall be lawful for them to assemble and appoint a committee to take such measures as may be necessary.

Sec. 2. The committee thus appointed shall give to the Bishop and to the majority of the vestry (if there be one) of the Parish, from which they desire to be separated, a formal notice of their intention to apply for such purpose, which notice shall contain a

description of the proposed line or lines of division, and shall be sent to the Bishop and said vestry, at least three months before the meeting of the Convention to which the application shall be made.

Sec. 3. Said application shall be made in the form of a petition to the Convention, and shall set forth the considerations which are supposed to render the division desirable—whereupon the Convention may, if they deem it expedient, proceed to divide said Parish, and to constitute the portion thereof applying for separation a new Parish, with all the rights and privileges of other Parishes of this Diocese.

Sec. 4. As soon after the adjournment of the Convention as may be practicable, the committee aforesaid shall give at least two weeks' notice to the members of the Church, residing in the new Parish, to assemble for the election of a vestry, which election shall be conducted, according to the directions contained in canon 9.

Sec. 5. The committee aforesaid, or a majority of those who may attend, shall judge of the qualification of voters, and of the qualification of persons proposed to be elected, and of the election of vestrymen: and those persons, whom said committee shall declare to be duly elected, shall be the vestry of said Parish, until the election and qualification of the succeeding vestry.

#### CANON 12.

##### *Of the formation of New Congregations.*

When any number of persons belonging to any Parish or congregation, sufficient to build a house of worship, and provide for the support of a minister, shall choose to separate from the Parish or congregation, of which they have hitherto been a part, they may proceed, according to the directions given in the 11th canon, except that, in this case, the direction as to a line or lines of division is inapplicable. The Convention may, on such petition, constitute the applicants a separate congregation, and authorise, by special enactment, such peculiar provisions, as to the right of suffrage, the employment of a minister, or ministers, and the manner of holding and managing the property of such congregation, as they may propose, and the Convention deem expedient, provided that the time of electing and the manner of qualifying vestrymen shall always be conformed to the regulations prescribed in the 9th canon.

#### CANON 13.

##### *Of the evidence of the appointment of Lay Delegates to the Convention.*

The appointment of Lay Delegates to the Convention of this Diocese shall be certified by the Rector, Register or Warden of the proper Parish or Church, and said certificate shall be in form as follows:

"This is to certify, that at a meeting of the Vestry, (or Trus-

tees, as the case may be,) of      Parish, (or Church,) in  
 county, held on the      day of      A. B., who is a communicant  
 in said Parish, or Church, was appointed a Lay Delegate to represent  
 the same in the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal  
 Church in the Diocese of Virginia, to be holden on the      day of  
 in the year of our Lord,

A. B, RECTOR,  
 C. D, REGISTER,  
 or  
 CHURCH WARDEN.

#### CANON 14.

##### *Of the Standing Committee.*

Sec. 1. Any vacancy occurring by death, or otherwise, in the Standing Committee, shall be supplied by the concurrent vote of the remaining clerical members, and lay members of the committee.

Sec. 2. In case of a vacancy in the Episcopate, the powers and duties to be performed by the Bishop, as regards discipline, except the pronouncing sentence of suspension, deposition or degradation from the ministry, shall belong to, and be performed by, the Standing Committee.

Sec. 3. The record of all the proceedings, on a presentment of a clergyman or layman, shall be preserved by the Standing Committee, and for that purpose shall, after a final decision, be delivered to their Secretary.

Sec. 4. It shall be the duty of the Standing Committee, before every stated meeting of the General Convention, to draught, with the advice and approbation of the Bishop, a report of the state of the Church in this Diocese, to be presented to the General Convention.

Sec. 5. It shall be the duty of the Standing Committee, at every meeting of the Convention, to submit, in addition to the report of their proceedings, the documents also which have been laid before them during the year.

#### CANON 15.

##### *A list to be made of Ministers in this Diocese.*

Within one week before every stated meeting of the Convention of this Diocese, the Bishop, or if there be no Bishop, the Standing Committee, shall prepare, or cause to be prepared, a list of all the ministers of the Protestant Episcopal Church, canonically resident in this Diocese, annexing the names of their respective cures, or of their stations as Missionaries, or of the Colleges, Academies, or other Seminaries of learning in which they are engaged, or in regard to those who have no cure, or are not engaged in missions, or institutions of learning, as above, their places of residence only. And such list, corrected as herein after mentioned, shall be laid before the Convention on the first day of meeting, and the names of the clerical members called therefrom, and



be appended to the Journal, and shall be transmitted to the Secretary of the General Convention.

**Sec. 2.** The list of the Clergy of this Diocese, so prepared by the Bishop or Standing Committee, and annexed, according to the changes which may occur, whether by death, ordination, discipline, or canonical removals from, or admissions into, this diocese, shall be evidence of a clergyman's having a cure or mission, or engagement in a Seminary of learning. And no clergyman, while suspended from the ministry, shall have a place on said list.

**Sec. 3.** The right of any clergyman to a seat in the Convention shall, if disputed, be determined, according to the provisions of the constitution and canons, by the Convention itself, whether his name be inserted in the list aforesaid, or omitted.

**Sec. 4.** It shall be the duty of the Clergy to attend regularly at the meeting of every Convention. At the opening of the Convention, their names shall be called over, and absentees noted, and, at the ensuing stated Convention, they shall be required to give excuses for their absence.

#### CANON 16.

##### *Of Candidates for Orders.*

If any candidates for orders in this Diocese shall be charged with any of the offences, for which a communicant may be subjected to discipline, or with having, without good and sufficient cause, desisted from his studies preparatory for ordination, the Bishop and Standing Committee shall carefully investigate the charge, and, if satisfied that the offence alleged has been committed, the Bishop shall erase the name of the offender from the register, and inform him that he has ceased to be a candidate.

#### CANON 17.

##### *Respecting the Property of the Church.*

The vestries respectively shall hold all glebes, lands, parsonage houses, churches, books, plate, or other property, now belonging, or hereafter accruing, to the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Virginia, as Trustees for the benefit of the Parish, or Church, for whose use the same were, or shall hereafter be, purchased, or otherwise obtained, and may improve, demise, or otherwise dispose of the lands, or houses allowed for the minister's habitation, or use, with the minister's consent; if there be no minister, with the consent of the Bishop; or in case there be no minister, and the Episcopal office be vacant, then not without the consent of the Standing Committee. The Vestry may also use, improve, or dispose, of all personal property and the produce, rents and profits of lands and houses, (not appropriated for the occupancy and use of the minister) belonging to the Church, in repairing the Church, and parsonage house for the benefit of the respective Parishes or Churches, and may make such rules and orders for managing the affairs and temporal concerns of their re-

spective Churches and Parishes, as they shall think most conducive to their interest and prosperity. They shall have the sole power of directing the payment of money, belonging to the respective Churches and Parishes, and appoint a clerk, treasurer and collector, when necessary, all which proceedings shall be entered in a well bound book, to be kept for that purpose. But when there are trustees under the act of the Legislature, passed Feb. 3rd, 1842, authorized to hold real property, such real property shall not be subject to the provisions of this canon.

#### CANON 18.

##### *Providing for the expenses of the Diocese.*

The vestry of each Parish or Church shall, at every annual Convention, pay to the Treasurer such sums as may be apportioned to them respectively for the purpose of defraying such expenses as may be authorized by the Convention.

#### CANON 19.

##### *Repealing former Canons.*

All former Canons of this Diocese, not included in these Canons, are hereby repealed.

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— Parish — County, May 18—

Baptisms, — Adults, white —, colored —, = — } . . . . . —  
 " . . . . . Infants, do —, do —, = — } . . . . . —  
 Confirmed, . . . . . white —, colored —, . . . . . —  
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 " . . . . . present number, . . . . . —  
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 Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the  
 Church.

Remarks by the Rector.

Nearest Post office.

— — — — —. Rector.

## Form of Certificate of the appointment of a Lay Delegate to the Convention.

This is to certify, that at a meeting of the Vestry, (or Trustees, as the  
 case may be,) of ——— parish (or Church) in ——— county  
 held on the ——— day of ——— who is a communicant  
 in said parish or church, was appointed a lay delegate to represent the  
 same in the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese  
 of Virginia, to be holden on the ——— day of ———, in the year of our  
 LORD,

———, Rector.

———, Register  
 or Church Warden.

## PLACES FOR THE MEETING OF CONVENTION.

STAUNTON—Third Wednesday in May, 1851.  
 RICHMOND " " 1852.  
 LYNCHBURG " " 1853.  
 FREDERICKSBURG " " 1854.  
 PETERSBURG " " 1855.  
 WINCHESTER " " 1856.  
 NORFOLK " " 1857.  
 CHARLOTTESVILLE " " 1858.  
 ALEXANDRIA " " 1859.

LIST OF THE CLERGY  
OF THE  
DIOCESE OF VIRGINIA,  
MAY 16, 1850.

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- Rt. Rev. WILLIAM MEADE, D. D., Bishop, Millwood Post Office, Clarke county.**
- Rt. Rev. JOHN JOHNS, D. D., Assistant Bishop, Williamsburg.**
- Rev. George Adie, Shelburne Parish, Leesburg, Loudoun county.**
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- Rev. Charles E. Ambler, St. Anne's Parish, Scottsville.**
- Rev. William Armstrong, St. Matthew's Church, Wheeling.**
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- \*Rev. E. Boyden, St. Ann's and Walker's Parishes, Everettsville, Albemarle county.**
- Rev. R. T. Brown, Kanawha Parish, Charleston, Kanawha county.**
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- Rev. Mark L. Chevers, Centurion Church, Old Point Comfort.**
- Rev. James Chisholm, Portsmouth.**
- Rev. John T. Clark, Roanoke Parish, Mount Laurel, Halifax county.**
- Rev. John Cole, St. Stephen's Church, Culpepper Court House.**
- Rev. John Cooke, officiating in Louisa county, Ætna, Hanover county.**
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- Rev. G. S. Carraway, Kingstou Parish, Mathews and Middlesex, Mathews C. H.**
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- Rev. C. B. Dana, Christ Church, Fairfax Parish, Alexandria.**
- \*Rev. James Doughen, residing in Lynchburg.**
- Rev. E. A. Dalrymple, Rector of the Episcopal High School, Theological Seminary, Fairfax county.**

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- . H. Disbrow, St. Paul's Church, Suffolk, Nansemond county.  
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Rev. Andrew Fisher, St. James's Southam, Seblott's Tavern, Powhatan county.  
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\*Rev. Edmund W. Hening, Missionary, Africa.  
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                              } Trinity Parish, Marshall county. P. O. Wheeling.  
Rev. William N. Irish, } St. Thomas' Church, Frederick co. } Harper's  
                              } St. John's Church, Jefferson co. } Ferry.  
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Rev. E. R. Lippitt, Alexandria.  
Rev. Thomas E. Locke, Cumberland Parish, Macfarland's Store, Lunenburg county.  
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                              } and Zion Church, Truro Parish, } C. H.  
Rev. Charles Mann, Abingdon and Ware Parishes, Gloucester C. H.  
Rev. James May, D. D., Professor of Theological Seminary, Theological Seminary, Fairfax county.  
Rev. R. K. Meade, Christ Church, Charlottesville.



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- Rev. Charles Minnigerode, Martin's Brandon Parish, Garysville, Prince George county.
- \*Rev. James D. McCabe, St. John's Church, Wheeling.
- Rev. John C. McCabe, Newport Parish, Smithfield, Isle of Wight.
- \*Rev. J. McElroy, Trinity Church, Buchanan, Botetourt county.
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- Rev. E. B. McGuire, St. Paul's Parish, Old Church, Hanover county.
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- Rev. R. M. Mitcheson, City Missionary, Norfolk.
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- \*Rev. William Norwood, Richmond.
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- Rev. Nelson Sale, West Russell Parish, Davis' Store, Bedford.
- Rev. Horace Stringfellow, St. Paul's Church, Petersburg.
- Rev. D. Francis Sprigg, Baltimore.
- Rev. George A. Smith, Editor Southern Churchman, Alexandria.
- \*Rev. Leonidas L. Smith, Norfolk.
- Rev. Charles H. Shield, Bloomfield Parish, Rappahannock county, Woodville.
- \*Rev. S. R. Slack, Frederickville Parish, Mechum's River, Albemarle.
- Rev. Wm. Sparrow, D. D., Professor Theological Seminary, Theological Seminary, Fairfax.

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- A. W. Syle, Missionary, China.  
H. W. L. Temple, officiating in Essex, Miller's Tavern, Essex.  
John Towles, Dettingen and Leed's Parishes, Milford Mills, Prince William.  
Rev. A. B. Tizzard, Sappony, Wilkinsonville, Chesterfield.  
\*Rev. Joseph D. Tyler, Principal Deaf and Dumb Institute, Staunton.  
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Rev. Edmund Withers, York Hampton Parish, Williamsburg.  
\*Rev. Lewis Walke, Lynhaven Parish, Princess Anne, Norfolk.  
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\*Rev. Anderson Wade, M. D., Patrick Parish, Henry C. H.—109.

Those marked thus \* did not attend the Convention.

## LAY DELEGATES

*In attendance on this Convention, with the names of the  
Parishes and Churches which they represented.*

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### *Alexandria.*

Wm. H. Fowle, St. Paul's Church.

C. F. Lee, Christ Church.

### *Albemarle County.*

Francis K. Nelson, Walker's Parish.

Dr. J. N. Gantt, St. Anne's Parish.

C. J. Meriwether, Christ Church, Charlottesville.

### *Amherst County.*

Henry L. Davis, Lexington Parish.

### *Brunswick County.*

George F. Chambliss, St. Andrew's Parish.

### *Berkeley County.*

E. P. Hunter, Trinity Church, Martinsburg.

### *Botetourt County.*

T. F. Martin, Trinity Church.

### *Buckingham County.*

Philip A. Bolling, Tillotson Parish.

### *Bedford County.*

Marshal L. Harris, St. Stephen's Church.

Richard Harrison, Russell Parish.

### *Cumberland County.*

Nelson Page, Lyttleton Parish.

### *Clarke County.*

Thomas F. Nelson, Wickliffe Parish.

Dr. Wm. Nelson, Christ Church, Millwood.

### *Culpepper County.*

S. S. Bradford, St. Stephen's Church.

### *Dinwiddie County.*

Samuel Pryor, Bath Parish.

### *Essex County.*

James W. Latane, Jr., South Farnham.

*Fauquier County.*

John R. Edmunds, Meade Parish.

Rice Hooe, St. Stephen's Church.

Thomas M. Ambler, Leed's Parish.

Frederick Horner, St. James' Church.

John T. Smith, Piedmont Parish, Trinity Church.

*Fairfax County.*

Charles A. Derby, Truro Parish.

Arthur Lee Brent, Fall's Church.

*Fluvanna County.*

James Galt, Rivanna Parish.

*Fredericksburg.*

Wm. Pollock, St. George's Church.

*Goochland County*

Tarlton Fleming, St. James', Northam Parish.

*Gloucester County.*

Jno. R. Bryan, Abingdon and Ware Parishes.

*Hanover County.*

Philip Nelson, St. Martin's Parish.

*Halifax County.*

Dabney Cosby, Jr., Antrim Parish.

*Jefferson County.*

Charles F. Butler, Trinity Church, Shepherdstown.

Bushrod C. Washington, Zion Church, Charlestown.

Joseph A. Russell, St. John's Church, Harpers Ferry.

*King George County.*

Richard H. Stuart, St. Paul's Church.

*Loudoun County.*

Jno. D. Powell, Shelburne Parish.

*Lancaster County.*

John Chewing, Christ Church.

*Lynchburg.*

Samuel W. Shelton, St. Paul's Church.

*Mecklenburg County.*

Wm. Oliver, St. James' Parish.

Edward Tarry, St. Luke's Church.

*Norfolk City.*

Wm. P. Stewart, St. Paul's Church.

Tazewell Taylor, Christ Church.

*New Kent County.*

Francis Nelson, St. Peter's Church.

*Nansemond County.*

R. H. Webb, St. Paul's Church, Suffolk.

*Orange County.*

B. F. Taliaferro, St. Thomas' Church.

*Princess Anne County.*

Thurmer Hoggard, Lynhaven Parish.

*Prince William County.*

George G. Tyler, Leed's Parish.

William J. Weir, Dettingen Parish.

*Powhatan County.*

George N. Skipwith, Grace Church.

Richard Anderson, St. James' Parish.

*Petersburg.*

Charles Friend, Grace Church.

Washington L. Watkins, St. Paul's Church.

*Portsmouth.*

Holt Wilson, Trinity Church.

Charles A. Grice, St. John's Church.

*Roanoke County.*

George P. Tayloe, Botetourt Parish.

*Rockbridge County.*

William Stevens, Latimer Parish, Lexington.

*Richmond County.*

Robert G. Montgomery, North Farnham Parish.

*Richmond City.*

George D. Fisher, Monumental Church.

William H. Macfarland, St. Paul's Church.

George M. Carrington, St. John's Church.

B. B. Minor, St. James' Church.

*Staunton.*

Hugh W. Sheffey, Trinity Church.

*Westmoreland County.*

George W. Lewis, St. Peter's Church.

Landon C. Berkeley, Cople Parish.

*Winchester.*

Joseph G. Gray, Christ Church.

*Williamsburg.*

G. Durfey, Bruton Parish.

## RULES OF ORDER.

1st. The Convention shall be opened every day with prayer.

2d. When the President takes the Chair, no member shall continue standing, nor shall afterwards stand up, except to address the Chair.

3d. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the Convention, he shall rise from his seat and respectfully address himself to the President, and shall confine himself to the question under debate and avoid personality.

4th. If any member in speaking, or otherwise, transgress the rules of the Convention, the President shall, or any member may, call to order, in which case, the member so called to order *shall* immediately take his seat, unless permitted to explain, and the Convention shall, if appealed to, decide on the case, but without debate; and if there be no appeal, the decision of the Chair shall be submitted to; if the decision be in favor of the member called to order, he shall be at liberty to proceed; if otherwise, and the case require it, he shall be liable to the censure of the Convention.

5th. When two or more members happen to rise at once, the President shall name the member who is first to speak.

6th. No member shall speak more than twice to the same question without leave of the Convention, nor more than once, until every member, choosing to speak, shall have spoken.

7. Whilst the President is putting any question, or addressing the Convention, none shall walk out of, or across, the house, nor in such case, nor when a member is speaking, shall entertain private discourse—nor, whilst a member is speaking, shall pass between him and the Chair.

8th. No member shall vote on any question in the event of which he is immediately and particularly interested, nor in any case where he was not present when a question was put.

9th. Upon a division and count of the Convention on any question, no member without the limits allotted as seats of the members shall be counted.

10th. Every member who shall be in the house, when the question is put, shall give his vote, unless the Convention, for special reasons, shall excuse him.

11th. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be stated by the President, or, being in writing, it shall be handed to the Chair, and read aloud by the Secretary, before debate.

12th. Every motion shall be reduced to writing if the President or any member shall require it.

13th. After a motion is stated by the President, or read by the Secretary, it shall be deemed to be in possession of the Convention, but may be withdrawn at any time before decision or amendment.

14th. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received but to adjourn, to lay on the table, for the previous question, to postpone indefinitely, or to a certain day, to commit to a committee, or to amend—which several motions shall have precedence in the order they stand arranged.

15th. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, and shall be decided without debate.

16th. The previous question shall be in this form—"Shall the main question be now put?" It shall be admitted only when demanded by a majority of the members present, and, until it is decided, shall preclude all amendments and further debate on the main question.

17th. On the previous question there shall be no debate.

18th. When a question is decided by the Convention or is postponed indefinitely, the same shall not be acted upon again during the session, without consent of two-thirds of the members present.

19th. Any member may call for the division of a question, where the sense will admit of it, but a question to strike out and insert shall be deemed indivisible.

20th. No new motion or proposition shall be admitted, under color of amendment, as a substitute for the motion or proposition under debate.

21st. When a motion has been once made and carried in the affirmative or negative, it shall be in order for any member of the majority to move a reconsideration thereof, on the same or next day.

22d. No member shall absent himself from the service of the Convention, unless he has leave, or be sick and unable to attend.

23d. The President shall, at his discretion, select suitable seats without the limit of those pews allotted for the use of members, which shall be appropriated to the exclusive accommodation of visiting clergymen and candidates for orders, who may be invited by the rector or wardens of the church in which the meetings of the Convention are held, under the direction of the President of the Convention; it being expected that those to whom such seats are appropriated will confine themselves to the same.

24th. No spectator shall during the daily sessions of the Convention, be admitted above or within the pews allotted to the members of the Conven-

tion, and it is expected and hoped that not only the spectators will attend to this regulation, but that the rector and wardens of the church, in which the sessions of the Convention are held will see that this rule of order is not violated.

25th. There shall, on the *second* day of the Convention, be appointed by the President, unless otherwise directed by the Convention, the following standing committees, to consist of an equal number of each order:

A committee on the state of the Church, to whom shall be referred the Addresses of the Bishop and Assistant Bishop, on the opening of the Convention.

A committee on the Fund for the support of Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen.

A committee on the Episcopal Fund.

A committee on the accounts of the Treasurer of the Missionary Society.

A committee on Parochial Reports.

A committee on the Admission of New Parishes.

A committee of Elections.

A committee of Finance, consisting of laymen.

26th. The credentials of the Lay Delegates shall be handed in to the Secretary, and be referred to a committee of one clerical and two lay members, which shall report who are entitled to seats in the Convention; and if there is any doubt as to the right of any delegate to his seat, the same shall be referred to the Committee of Elections, to be by the said committee forthwith examined into and reported upon to the Convention.

27th. When three members require it, the vote on all questions shall be by ayes and noes.

28th. None of the Rules of Order shall be suspended without the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present.

29th. The business first in order, after the organization of the Convention, shall be the appointment of a Treasurer *pro tem.*, when the Treasurer is not a member of the Convention; reading of the Pastoral Addresses; the proceedings of the standing Committee, and the reception of the Parochial Reports by the Bishop from the clergy, who shall be called upon in alphabetical order for their reports and (if required) the reading of the Parochial reports or such parts of them, as the Bishop may think fit.



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## PROCEEDINGS OF THE CONVENTION:

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ALEXANDRIA, May 15, 1850.

This being the day appointed by the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Virginia, for the meeting of the annual Convention of the said Diocese, the Right Reverend the Bishop, together with a number of the Clergy and Laity, assembled in St. Paul's Church, Alexandria, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. James T. Johnston, and the Convention Sermon preached by the Rev. P. F. Berkeley.

The Convention then assembled at the Lyceum, and Wm. M. Blackford, Esq., the Secretary, being absent, on motion, Tazewell Taylor, Esq., of Norfolk, was appointed Secretary *pro tem.*; and on his motion, Holt Wilson, Esq., of Portsmouth, was appointed assistant Secretary *pro tem.*

The roll of the Clergy entitled to seats being called, the following gentlemen answered to their names:

Rt. Rev. Wm. Meade, D. D.	Rev. James Chisholm,
Rt. Rev. John Johns, D. D.	“ John T. Clark,
Rev. George Adie,	“ John Cole,
“ C. W. Andrews,	“ G. S. Carraway,
“ C. E. Ambler,	“ C. B. Dana,
“ P. F. Berkeley,	“ C. H. Disbrow,
“ Wm. V. Bowers,	“ Wm. Friend,
“ R. T. Brown,	“ F. T. Goodwin,
“ R. D. Brooke,	“ John Grammer,
“ T. T. Castleman,	“ C. J. Gibson,
“ G. D. Cummins,	“ Wm. D. Hanson,

Rev. J. F. Hoff,	Rev. W. H. Pendleton,
“ W. L. Hyland,	“ Joshua Peterkin,
“ Wm. N. Irish,	“ Theodore S. Rumney.
“ R. P. Johnson,	“ Chas. H. Sheild,
“ Wm. M. Jackson,	“ Philip Slaughter,
“ James T. Johnston,	“ W. Sparrow, D. D.
“ Alex. Jones, D. D.	“ H. W. L. Temple,
“ W. T. Leavell,	“ John Towles,
“ Thomas E. Locke,	“ W. N. Ward,
“ W. F. Lockwood,	“ D. M. Wharton,
“ Chas. Minnigerode,	“ R. H. Wilmer,
“ John C. McCabe,	“ G. T. Wilmer,
“ E. C. McGuire, D. D.	“ J. W. Woodville,
“ Wm. McGuire,	“ Wellington Webb,
“ W. C. Meredith,	“ J. Ambler Weed,
“ G. H. Norton,	“ Edm'd Withers.
“ Joseph Packard, D. D.	

On motion. W. P. Stewart, Esq., was appointed Treasurer *pro tem*.

The Rev. John Grammer, Messrs. John Chewning, and Edm'd P. Hunter, were appointed a Committee to examine the certificates of lay delegates, and reported that the following gentlemen had been duly elected according to the canons by the Vestries of their respective churches, to wit :

Lynhaven Parish, Princess Anne—Thurmer Hoggard.  
 Wickliffe Parish, Clarke county—Thos. F. Nelson.  
 Trinity Church, Martinsburg—Edmund P. Hunter.  
 St. Andrew's Parish, Brunswick—George F. Chambliss.  
 St. Paul's Church, Norfolk—Wm. P. Stewart.  
 Botetourt Parish, Roanoke—George P. Tayloe.  
 Meade Parish, Fauquier—John R. Edmunds.  
 St. Paul's Church, Alexandria—Wm. H. Fowle.  
 St. Martin's Parish, Hanover—Philip Nelson.  
 Christ Church, Alexandria—Cassius F. Lee.  
 Trinity Church, Portsmouth—Holt Wilson.

Antrim Parish, Halifax—Dabney Cosby, Jr.  
 St. John's Church, Portsmouth—Charles A. Grice.  
 St. James's Parish Mecklenburg—Wm. Oliver.  
 Christ Church, Norfolk—Tazewell Taylor.  
 St. George's Church, Fredericksburg—Wm. Pollock.  
 Monumental Church, Richmond—George D. Fisher.  
 Bath Parish, Dinwiddie—Samuel Pryor.  
 Trinity Church, Botetourt—T. F. Martin.  
 Grace Church, Petersburg—Chas. Friend.  
 St. Luke's Church, Mecklenburg—Edward Tarry.  
 Trinity Church, Staunton—Hugh W. Sheffey.  
 St. Paul's Church, Richmond—Wm. H. Macfarland.  
 St. Peter's Church, Westmoreland—Geo. W. Lewis.  
 Latimer Parish, Rockbridge—Wm. Stevens.  
 Tillotson Parish, Buckingham—Philip A. Bolling.  
 St. James, Northam Parish, Goochland—Tarlton Fleming.  
 North Farnham Parish, Richmond County—Robt. G. Montgomery.  
 St. Stephen's Church, Fauquier—Rice Hooe.  
 Grace Church, Powhatan—George N. Skipwith.

The committee also reported that John Chewning had been duly appointed a lay delegate from Christ Church, Lancaster, and Francis Nelson, from St. Peter's, Newkent, but that their certificates did not state that they were communicants of the church or parish which they had been respectively elected to represent.

The Convention being satisfied of this fact, on motion, they were admitted to seats in the Convention.

The Rev. Edmund Withers, of York Hampton Parish, presented the certificate of Mr. Charles Fox, as lay delegate from that parish, stating that his vestry had furnished him with a blank certificate, and had authorized him to fill up the blank in the certificate with the name of such person as he might select; and that he had selected Mr. Fox, who was a communicant of his parish as the delegate therefrom; but submitted to the Convention the question whether Mr. Fox was entitled to a seat in the Convention: and the question being put by the Chair, it was decided that he was not entitled.

On motion, clergymen of other dioceses and of this diocese, not entitled to seats, and students of the Theological Seminary, were invited within the bar of the Convention.

On motion, it was ordered, that the question of the right of the Rev. Mark L. Chevers, of Centurion Church, to a seat in the Convention, be referred to the Committee on Elections.

The Convention then adjourned until to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

#### THURSDAY, 9 O'CLOCK, A. M.

The Convention assembled at the hour to which it stood adjourned, and was opened with prayer by the Right Reverend the Assistant Bishop.

The following clergymen, not present on yesterday, appeared and took their seats :

Rev. John H. Wingfield,	Rev. Silas Totten, D. D.
“ David Caldwell,	“ R. S. Nash,
“ O. A. Kinsolving,	“ Wm. Armstrong,
“ Horace Stringfellow,	“ Andrew Fisher,
“ Wm. H. Kinckle,	“ Cornelius Walker,
“ John Cooke,	“ Joseph Earnest,
“ F. M. Whittle,	“ John Towles.

The Rev. John Grammer, Chairman of the Committee on Certificates of Lay Delegates, reported the following gentlemen, not present yesterday, duly chosen :

Christ Church, Winchester—Dr. Joseph G. Gray.

Shelburne Parish, Loudoun—John D. Powell.

St. Thomas's Church, Orange—Dr. B. F. Taliaferro.

Rivanna Parish, Fluvanna—James Galt.

Leed's Parish, Fauquier—Thomas M. Ambler.  
 Lyttleton Parish, Cumberland—Nelson Page.  
 St. Paul's Church, Lynchburg—Sam. W. Shelton.  
 St. James' Parish, Powhatan—Richard Anderson.  
 St. Paul's Church, Petersburg—Washington L. Watkins.  
 Christ Church, Millwood—Dr. Wm. Nelson.  
 Walker's Parish, Albemarle—Francis K. Nelson.  
 Truro Parish, Fairfax—Charles A. Derby.  
 St. John's Church, Richmond—Geo. M. Carrington.  
 St. James' Church, Richmond—Benj. B. Minor.  
 Lexington Parish, Amherst—Henry L. Davis.  
 Bruton Parish, Williamsburg—Goodrich Durfey.  
 St. Paul's Parish, King George—Richard H. Stuart.  
 St. Stephen's Church, Bedford—Marshall L. Harris.  
 Russell Parish, Bedford—Richard Harrison.  
 St. Ann's Parish, Albemarle—Dr. J. N. Gantt.

The Right Rev. Bishop Meade then read his Report.

#### BISHOP MEADE'S ADDRESS.

##### *Dear Brethren and Friends :*

Through the good providence of God we are permitted to unite once more in our Annual Convention. We come for the purpose, among other things, of rendering to each other an account of our labors, and of the dealings of God towards us, during the past year. This we should ever do in a mindfulness of that great occasion when we must give an account of our whole lives and ministry to the great Judge, and receive from Him a final sentence, of approbation or condemnation. If conscious now of being unprofitable servants, doing much less than it is our duty, and in our power to do, how much more so, when we shall appear before Him who will call us to account for the many talents committed to our trust, and which, though we may not have folded in a napkin, have been so little improved by us. Let this consciousness of our short-comings in duty lead us all now more and more humbly to that Saviour from whom we hope to receive an unmerited reward of grace at the great day—even the privilege of serving and loving Him in Heaven, in a far more perfect and

blessed manner, than the best of his servants have ever done, or can possibly do on earth.

The account of my labors in the field will be brief, though I have as usual devoted six months to duties away from my home. Immediately after the last Convention, I spent two days at the Church on the Green Mountain in Albemarle, where three persons were confirmed. From thence proceeded to Fluvanna, spending two days in Columbia, though one of them was so inclement as to prevent the services. One only was confirmed. The new Church at that place was nearly completed. The congregation in and around has been organized into a separate parish and wishes the entire services of a minister. Four days were appropriated to the congregations of St. Paul's and Beavertown in Goochland, but owing to the continued and heavy rains a few persons only assembled on two successive days at St. Paul's, where one was confirmed. Three days were given to the three congregations in Powhatan, under the care of the Rev. Mr. Fisher, one only being confirmed. Two days were spent at Peterville church, under the care of the Rev. Mr. Berkeley, at which place the Rev. Mr. Tizzard was admitted to Priests' orders, an address or exhortation by myself taking the place of a sermon. At Grubhill Church, in Amelia, three were confirmed, and at Painsville, in Cumberland, one. At Sapony Church, in Chesterfield, under the care of the Rev. Mr. Tizzard, two were confirmed. Two appointments at the Coal pits in this county failed by reason of the weather and my own health. My services were now interrupted by a call to Williamsburg, on the duty assigned to Bishop Johns and myself by the Convention. The propositions made by us being assented to by the board of Visitors, the presidency of the College was accepted by Bishop Johns. This duty over, I resumed my visitation and officiated at Cartersville and Ca-Ira, in Cumberland county, a day in each place, confirming two in the latter. Thence I went to Nelson, but on account of sickness could only fulfil one of my appointments in this county, that at

**New Market.** For the same reason I failed in my appointments for Buck mountain, Albemarle. Those for St. Paul's and Charlottesville, were fulfilled. At the former the Rev. Mr. Slack was ordained Priest and three were confirmed. At the latter five were confirmed. Proceeding to Hanover County, I spent a Sabbath at the Fork Church, and confirmed two.—The duties at the close of the sessions of the Seminary and High School, at Alexandria, now required my attention.—Four days were devoted to them. On the last of these I admitted to the order of Deacons, Mr. Robt. D. Brooke, W. D. Hanson, W. L. Hyland, W. N. Irish, Edmund Richards, W. H. C. Robertson, T. H. Rumney, C. H. Shield.

Returning homeward by the way of Leesburg, I spent a Sabbath at that place, and confirmed five. During the month of August I also held a confirmation at Millwood, in Clark County and admitted to full communion with the Church, five by that rite. After spending about six weeks at home, I renewed my visitation in September, and commencing at Winchester, confirmed six persons. Proceeding up the Valley, I spent two days at Harrisonburg, and one at Port Republic, where I found a number of persons much disappointed at the failure of services for the next year, from one of the recently ordained deacons, which I had hoped to have furnished to them. At Staunton six persons were confirmed. I was happy to find the number of scholars at the Female Institution at that place, under the care of the Rev. Mr. Phillips, was gradually increasing, and that the school was so conducted as to merit the increasing patronage, which I learn with pleasure it still continues to receive. I take occasion here to allude to the particular attention which is paid by the rector of the Church in Staunton, to the instruction of the coloured people of that place, and to commend to the notice and use of the families of our Church, in Virginia, the sermons to servants, which, chiefly from his pen, have been published during the past year or two in the Southern Churchman. It is proposed during the following summer or fall, to republish them in a

volume, so as to make them more convenient for present and preserve them for future use. I allude to the attention thus paid to the servants by one minister, in order, not only to commend the example to all, but also to furnish an occasion for saying that there are many others, who according to their ability and opportunity, appear to be conscientiously performing their duty to this class of our fellow beings.

From Staunton I proceeded to Lexington, where seven were confirmed. Thence to Buchanan, where five were confirmed. At Fincastle, two. At the Licks, in Roanoke County, two.— At this place a new Church was consecrated. From thence I visited for the first time the County of Franklin, and spending two days at the Court House in company with the Rev. Mr. Wade, who officiates at this place, confirmed two persons. Encouragement was held out to hope that a Church would soon be erected at that place. Proceeding to Liberty in Bedford County, I confirmed six persons. At St. Thomas's of the same county, one. At St. Stephen's, five. At Trinity, three. At Lynchburg, after two days services, twelve. At New Glasgow, in Amherst County, five. At Buck mountain, in Albermarle, one. At Orange C. H., two. At St. Paul's, in Culpepper, seven. Other congregations, in Amherst, Nelson, Madison, Culpepper, Rappahanock and Warren, were visited, but no special services performed. In Rappahanock, I am gratified to learn, that a Church will soon be erected. The congregations next visited, were those in Jefferson and Berkely. On the 5th of November, I confirmed two persons in Smithfield, where efforts are making to build a Church. On the following day I consecrated at Lee-town, a new and handsome Church by the name of St. Bartholomew's, which was built almost entirely with funds furnished by the Rev. Dr. Balch of New York, and contributed by himself and other generous friends, of that place. From thence I proceeded to Shepherdstown, where three were confirmed. Thence to Harper's Ferry, where seven were confirmed. At that place a Church is



in the process of erection. At Martinsburg one was confirmed. At Hedges Chapel, nine. At Buck Creek, one. Bunkers-hill, one. At this place preparations are making for a new Church.

The duties of the season of visitation being over, I spent the winter as usual at home, only visiting the congregations at Winchester and Berryville. At the latter place four were confirmed on Easter day. Soon after this I came as usual to Alexandria, in order to deliver some instructions to the senior class at the Seminary. On my way down I spent a Sabbath at Upperville in Loudoun County.

While performing my duties at the Seminary, I have taken particular pains by visiting the High School, and by making enquiries of those best qualified to give correct information, to form a just estimate of the merits of that Institution. The result has been a continued and increased conviction of its excellency. If parents desire to have their sons trained up in habits of obedience to law and authority, to have all their faculties called forth into active exercise, to have them accurately instructed in all the branches of science and literature there taught, so as to prepare them to be successful in the different pursuits of life, and above all if they wish them to be kept as much as possible from evil habits and practices by a careful supervision, and to be faithfully instructed in the principles of the Christian religion, I know not where they can find a school to which they can send them with a greater probability of having all these things properly attended to. If they prefer a school where indolence is to be indulged, where the evil propensities of youth are to meet with little restraint, and all things are sought to be accommodated to the wishes of their children, they will not find such in this Institution. But if they wish them to become men—men of energy and industry and business, and of sound moral and religious principles, we unhesitatingly commend them to this Institution.

I have only one word to add in reference to our Diocesan Paper. Its well qualified and judicious Editor has determined

to devote himself entirely to the task of rendering it worthy of our patronage. That patronage I hope will be freely and abundantly furnished. By increasing the number of its subscribers and supplying occasional contributions to its columns, we may minister to the support of a most worthy brother who is disabled from ministerial duty, while at the same time we are rendering a most essential service to the cause of true religion in our Diocese.

In the death of the Rev. William Duval, which we have been called upon to deplore since we last met, this Diocese has lost one of her most beloved, faithful and useful ministers.

A list of the candidates for orders admitted during the past year, and of ministers and candidates dismissed from or received into the Diocese during the past year, will conclude this report.

The candidates admitted are Messrs. Thos. P. Martin, Joseph A. Russell, Hugh Roy Scott, Henderson Sutter, Geo. H. Rumney, John W. Chesley, Addison B. Atkins, James Stoney.

Ministers received into the Diocese,—the Rev. Dr. Totten, from Connecticut; the Rev. Mr. Mitcheson from Pennsylvania; the Rev. Mr. Nash, from Ohio.

Those dismissed are the Rev. Mr. Holmead, to Maryland; the Rev. Mr. Bryant, the Rev. J. P. B. Wilmer and Rev. Wm. G. Jackson, to Pennsylvania.

The Right Reverend the Assistant Bishop then read his Report.

#### BISHOP JOHNS' REPORT.

During the Convention at Charlottesville, I participated in the religious services of the week, and on Sunday morning preached in Christ Church.

After the adjournment of the Convention, I returned to Richmond, and on Sunday, May 27th, preached in St. Paul's Church, both morning and night.

May 28th. I went to Caroline to meet an appointment in Grace Church. A heavy rain which continued during the day, prevented the congregation from assembling. I remained in the vicinity, and the next morning, though the weather was still unfavorable, I preached in Grace Church and confirmed three persons.

May 30th. I preached in St. Peter's Port Royal. This Church has since been destroyed by fire. I am happy, however, to report that funds have been provided for erecting a new building, which is now so far advanced that it will be ready for use, before the summer closes.

At Port Royal I deviated from the line of my visitation, and crossed to Westmoreland county, to consecrate the new church, St. Peter's, at Oak Grove. This service was performed, May 31st. The sentence of consecration was read by the Rector, the Rev. Wm. McGuire. Morning prayers by the Rev. Mr. Friend—sermon by myself.

June 1st. In the same church, after sermon by the Rev. Mr. Dana, I addressed the congregation—In the afternoon I recrossed the Rappahannock to Essex.

June 2d and 3d. I preached in South Farnham Church.

June 4th. I preached at Tappahannock. Since my visit, a new and commodious church has been erected there, and is now waiting for consecration.

June 5. I preached in St. Paul's, Essex, and confirmed three persons. At night I conducted religious services and addressed the people at Medway Academy under the care of Dr. Minor.

June 11th. I went to Williamsburg, in company with Bishop Meade, to confer as contemplated by the resolution of the last Convention, with the Board of visitors of William and Mary College. The arrangements resulting from the conference will be stated at the close of this address.

June 17th. I preached in the Monumental Church, Richmond.

July 1st. I preached in St James' Church Richmond.

8th. I preached in the morning in Christ Church, Alexandria, and confirmed eight persons. In the afternoon I preached in St. Paul's and confirmed ten persons.

From July 9th to 11th. I was occupied in attending the examinations at the Seminary and High School.

July 13th. I assisted Bishop Meade in the ordination of Deacons in St. Paul's, Alexandria, and in the afternoon, started to visit several of the churches in Prince William and Fauquier Counties.

July 15th. I consecrated St. James' Church, Brentsville, preached and confirmed four persons. The sentence of consecration was read by the Rector the Rev. Mr. Towles; morning prayer by the Rev. Mr. Lockwood.

The church is substantially built of dressed stone. The interior arrangements are convenient, and in the rear of the building a commodious vestry-room is provided. The whole structure is highly creditable to the minister to whose persevering efforts, the congregation are indebted for their appropriate house of worship.

16th. I preached at St. Stephen's, Fauquier, and confirmed two persons.

17th. At Warrenton, I preached and confirmed four persons.

18th. I consecrated Trinity Church, Salem, Fauquier County, preached and confirmed four persons.

From Fauquier I made a rapid journey to New York, to execute a commission confided to me by the Board of Visitors of William and Mary.

29th. I preached in St. James' Church, Richmond.

Aug. 3d. Being the day recommended by the President of the United States, as a day of fasting, humiliation and prayer, I conducted the appropriate services, and preached in St. James' Church, Richmond.

5th. I preached again in the same Church.

8th. After services, by Rev. Mr. Dennison, I addressed the congregation at Williamsburg.

12th. I preached and administered the Lord's Supper in St. Paul's, Richmond.

19th. I preached in the same Church, and performed the services at the funeral of Judge Nicholas.

26th. I preached in the Monumental Church, Richmond.

Sept. 2nd. I preached and administered the Lord's Supper in St. Paul's Church, Richmond.

Sept. 16th. I preached in St. John's, Richmond.

Oct. 7th. I preached in the church at Williamsburg.

25th. I left home to attend the anniversary meeting of the Evangelical Knowledge Society in Philadelphia.

28th. I preached in Baltimore county, Md.

Nov. 4th. In the church at Williamsburg, I admitted the Rev. R. P. Johnson to Priest's Orders. Morning prayer by the Rev. Wm. Hodges. The candidate was presented by the Rev. E. Withers. Sermon by the Rev. H. M. Dennison, who, with the other clergy named, united in the imposition of hands.

11th. I preached in the same church.

13th. I visited Gloucester to attend a convocation.

14th. I preached in Ware Church, Gloucester.

18th. I preached in the Asylum, Williamsburg.

21st. After services by the Rev. Mr. Dennison, I addressed the congregation in the lecture room.

26th. I preached in Grace Church, Yorktown.

28th. I visited Prince George county to attend the convocation.

29th. In Merchant's Hope Church, after sermon by the Rev. R. P. Johnson, I addressed the congregation and confirmed eight persons.

30th. I preached in the same church.

Dec. 9th. I preached in the Asylum at Williamsburg.

16th. In the church at Williamsburg I read the Ante-Com-

munion Service, and united with the rector in administering the Lord's Supper.

19th. I lectured in the lecture room of the same church.

23d. In the same church I assisted in the services and preached at night.

25th. I assisted the rector in the administration of the Lord's Supper.

30th. I preached in the same church.

Jan. 6th, 1850. In the same church, the rector being unexpectedly absent, I conducted the usual services and preached.

Jan. 9th. I preached in the church at Hampton, which is still, I regret to say, without a minister.

10th. I preached in the Centurion Church, Old Point Comfort.

16th. I officiated in the lecture room of the church in Williamsburg.

Feb. 10th. In the same church I administered the communion in the morning, and in the afternoon examined the children on the catechism.

13th. Being Ash Wednesday, I preached in the same church.

20th. In the lecture room, after Mr. Dennison, I addressed the congregation.

24th. I preached in the Asylum, Williamsburg.

Feb. 28th to March 7th. In company with Rev. Mr. Andrews I went to Norfolk, Petersburg, Richmond, and Fredericksburg to attend meetings and deliver addresses in connexion with the interests of the Evangelical Knowledge Society.

March 2. I lectured in St. Paul's Church, Richmond.

3d. In the same church I preached and assisted in the administration of the Lord's Supper. At night I confirmed nine persons.

10th. I preached in the church at Williamsburg.

13th. I lectured in the lecture room.

15th. I preached in the church at Williamsburg.

17th. I preached in Grace Church, Yorktown.

20th. I went to Norfolk and at night lectured at Christ Church.

21st. I preached in St. Paul's, Norfolk.

22nd. I preached in Trinity Church, Portsmouth, in the Morning, and at night in Christ Church, Norfolk.

24th. I preached in Christ Church, Norfolk, in the morning, and confirmed *seventeen* persons. At night I preached in St. Paul's and confirmed eleven persons.

25th. I preached in Trinity Church, Portsmouth, and confirmed one person.

26th. I rode 26 miles to Suffolk and preached in the morning in St. Paul's Church. At night I preached again and confirmed *nine* persons.

27th. I preached in the Church at Chuckatuck.

28th. In the morning I preached in the church at Smithfield, and confirmed one person. At night after a sermon by the Rev. Mr. Deebrow, I addressed the congregation.

29th. I preached in the Old Church in Surry. In this county, as I am informed, there is no minister of the Gospel of any denomination residing. The religious services performed there, are occasional. In the vicinity of the Court House, and of Cabin Point, where one of our old churches is standing and in good repair, there are several families of our Church who are very solicitous to obtain a minister. If one could be procured, who would consent to conduct a small private school, he could at once be adequately supported, and in a little time, it is believed, he might dispense with this temporary expedient and give himself wholly to his ministry.

March 31. I preached in Brandon Church, Prince George County, and confirmed four persons.

April 13th. I left Williamsburg to visit the churches in Gloucester and Mathews, Middlesex, the Northern Neck, &c. &c. The day was passed in endeavoring, at several points, to cross York river. The weather, however, was so boisterous, that the

boatmen could not be prevailed on to make the attempt until the next morning, when I succeeded in reaching the other shore in time to fulfil my appointments.

14th. I preached in Abingdon Church, and confirmed four persons.

15th. I preached in Christ Church, Mathews.

16th. I preached in Christ Church, Middlesex, and confirmed two persons.

17th. I preached in Christ Church, Lancaster.

18th. I preached in the White Chapel.

19th. I preached in North Farnham Church.

20th. I preached in the Church at Warsaw, and confirmed one person. In the afternoon I baptised the child of the rector.

21st. I preached in Yeocomico Church, and confirmed three persons.

22d. I consecrated St. James' Church, Westmoreland Court House, and preached. The sentence of consecration was read by the Rev. Wm. McGuire. Prayers by the Rev. Mr. Ward.—This, it will be observed, is the second church which, during the past conventional year, I have consecrated in Westmoreland county, a fact which furnished some compensation for the feelings experienced on the ride between the two, when my attention was pointed to a pile of rubbish which marked the site of one of the old churches of this region, and I listened to the painful story of its desecration and ruin. The change now indicated is certainly encouraging, and I trust that our young brother whose exertions have been so successful in the erection of churches in his parish, will find greater cause for gratitude in their being filled by devout worshippers.

On the same morning, and in the church just consecrated, I admitted the Rev. Theodore S. Rumney to Priest's Orders. The candidate was presented by the Rev. John McGuire, who with the Rev. Messrs. Ward and Wm. McGuire, united in the imposition of hands.



23d. I preached in St. Peter's, Oak Grove, and confirmed one person.

24th. I preached in St. Paul's, King George, and confirmed one person. This church is still vacant.

25th. I preached in St. John's, King George.

26th. I preached in St. George's, Fredericksburg, and confirmed thirteen persons.

27th. I preached in Christ Church, Spottsylvania.

28th. I preached in St. Margaret's, Caroline, and confirmed one person. From this church I was conveyed to the Concord Academy by Mr. Coleman, the principal, and at his request I lectured there at night to his pupils.

May 1st. I preached in ——— Church, at Dinwiddie Court House.

2nd. I preached in Sapony Church, and confirmed five persons.

3rd. I preached in St. Andrew's Church, Brunswick, and confirmed four persons.

5th. I preached in Christ Church, Belfield, and confirmed two persons. At this place I had a brief interview with several of our friends from Southampton. Their desire to have the services of the Church regularly performed in their vicinity is unabated. I am happy to understand that the convocation of that part of the diocese have made arrangements to supply them once a month, and trust that this will soon lead to the full accomplishment of their wishes in the erection of a church and the settlement among them of a minister, who can devote his whole time to their service.

6th. I preached in Grace Church, Meherrin parish, and confirmed four persons.

During the several visitations which have thus been enumerated, I have, as opportunity offered, presented to the different congregations the claims of our Diocesan Missionary Society.— In this I take the liveliest interest, because in my itinerations, I

see both the happy effects which have resulted from this agency, and the great room which still exists for its continued and enlarged action. It is gratifying to know that it finds favor with the clergy and the laity throughout the diocese, and I flatter myself that this will be shown, not only by the amount of the collections made on the occasional visitations of the Bishop, but also by an increase in the regular annual contributions from the parishes.

The reports of the Society inform us of what I have myself witnessed, its instrumentality in saving feeble congregations, which, but for the help thus furnished, must to human appearances, have ceased to exist; and in gathering and establishing churches in portions of the diocese where previously our communion was scarcely known.

To the continued and liberal patronage of those who are interested in these results, I feel confidence in commending our Diocesan Missionary Society. If we cheerfully contribute the requisite means, the Lord of the harvest will send forth the labourers, and with both, and His blessing to prosper them, the ingathering will surpass the expectations of the most sanguine.

In closing this address, I return to a subject, to which I have already incidentally alluded—our relations to William and Mary College.

It will be recollected, that a communication from the Board of Visitors, in relation to the Presidency of that Institution, was presented to the Convention at Charlottesville. The committee to whom it was referred recommended the adoption of the following preamble and resolution, which were adopted:

“WHEREAS, on former occasions the partial and temporary services of the Bishop, and also of the Assistant Bishop of this diocese have been given to other objects without materially interfering with their Episcopal duties:

“Resolved, That if the Bishop and Assistant Bishop, after further conference with the visitors of William and Mary Col-

ge, shall be of opinion that the interests of religion and literature may be promoted by Bishop John's accepting the Presidency of the College, the Convention hereby give their consent to such acceptance—his continuance in the same, being subject to the future advice and action of the Convention, and provided that, until the meeting of the next Convention, he shall be at liberty to devote such time to the performance of Episcopal services as in the opinion of the Bishop and himself, the interests of the Church may require."

To afford an opportunity for the proposed conference, the Board of Visitors was convened at Williamsburg on the 11th of June last, Bishop Meade and myself attended the meeting, and in reference to the contemplated arrangement, frankly and fully stated our views and wishes. These were so entirely met by the unanimous action of the Board, that there was no room left for hesitancy on our part, and under these circumstances, having the advice of the Convention, and the opinion of the Bishop, I did not feel at liberty to do otherwise, than signify my acceptance of the Presidency of the College. Previous to this, however, the Board had been enlarged to the number of Visitors specified in the Charter, by the election of gentlemen, supposed to take an interest in the prosperity of the Institution, and on whose cordial co-operation we could confidently rely. And again, as the course of instruction connected with the chair to which I had been elected, would require more of my time, than I could give "without materially interfering with my Episcopal duties," I suggested to the Board, the necessity of appointing another Professor, and thus relieving me so far, as to enable me to continue my services to the Diocese, without diminution. The only objection to this arrangement, arose from the want of funds, to support the additional professor. This difficulty was removed by appropriating to this purpose, the salary which pertained to the Presidency, an expedient which I considered might safely be adopted, for as it provided for an arrangement which would leave my rela-

tions to the Diocese undisturbed, I presumed that I might rely for my own support, as heretofore, on the Convention. If, however, any change in this respect is deemed proper, it will have my ready acquiescence.

The Board of Visitors having unanimously adopted the suggestion offered, the Rev. Silas Totten, D. D., was nominated to the new Professorship, and elected without a dissenting voice.—His acceptance of the appointment was signified to the Board soon after my interview with him in New York in July last, and thus there were secured to the college the valuable services of another Professor, who brought with him a well earned reputation for great ability, large experience and distinguished success as an instructor of youth. He, with my other colleagues, form a faculty well qualified to furnish students all the advantages of a collegiate course, and to obtain for the venerable institution with which they are connected, a fair proportion of the confidence and patronage of the community. All that is now requisite to ensure its prosperity and usefulness, is the cordial support of those who have expressed their interest in its present reorganization. Let them avail themselves of the facilities which it affords for the education of their sons, and under His blessing, “without whom nothing is wise, nothing holy,” it will become an honored instrument for the diffusion of sound science and pure and undefiled religion.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Rules of Order, as they stood at the adjournment of the last Convention, be adopted as the Rules of Order of this Convention.

Petitions for the admission of St. John’s Church, Harper’s Ferry, and of Montross Parish, Westmoreland, and Trinity Parish, Marshall, were presented and referred to the appropriate committee.

A petition for the separation of Aldie and its vicinity from Shelburne, and its annexation to Meade Parish, was referred to the appropriate committee.

The Bishop announced the Standing Committees, as follows :

*Committee on the State of the Church:*

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| Rev. Edw. C. McGuire, D. D., | James Galt,         |
| " John H. Wingfield,         | Nelson Page,        |
| " George Adie,               | Edw. Tarry,         |
| " Alexander Jones, D. D.,    | Edmd. P. Hunter,    |
| " Wm. Armstrong,             | Dr. Joseph G. Gray. |
| " Wm. Sparrow, D. D.,        |                     |

*On Finance :*

William H. Macfarland,  
George M. Carrington,  
William P. Stewart.

*On the Episcopal Fund :*

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| Rev. C. W. Andrews, | Dr. Wm. Nelson,   |
| " P. F. Berkeley,   | Dabney Cosby, Jr. |
| " John Cole,        | G. W. Lewis.      |

*On Accounts of the Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Society :*

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| Rev. Wm. M. Jackson, | Marshall L. Harris, |
| " George D. Cummins, | Joseph G. Gray.     |
| " Charles Friend,    |                     |

*On Parochial Reports :*

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| Rev. Nelson Sale, | Thurmer Hoggard, |
| " D. M. Wharton,  | Thos. F. Nelson, |
| " C. Walker,      | George W. Lewis. |
| " C. J. Gibson,   |                  |

*On New Parishes :*

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| Rev. R. H. Wilmer, | Samuel W. Shelton, |
| " David Caldwell,  | James Galt,        |
| " John Cole,       | Edmund P. Hunter.  |

*On the Widows' and Orphans' Funds :*

Rev. Wm. V. Bowers,  
 " W. H. Kinckle,

G. M. Carrington,  
 George D. Fisher.

*On Elections :*

Rev. J. F. Hoff,  
 Samuel Pryor,  
 George W. Lewis.

The Rev. Mr. Dana read the proceedings of the Standing Committee of the Diocese during the past conventional year.

The report of the Executive Committee of the Diocesan Missionary Society, together with the account of the Treasurer, were presented, which were referred to the appropriate committee.

The resolution submitted at the last Convention (see page 23 of Journal, 1849,) to amend the 2d article of the Constitution, by inserting after the word "Societies," in the 10th line, the words "and the Rector of the Episcopal High School," being considered, was adopted. And so the 2d article of the Constitution stands amended accordingly.

Thereupon, the Rev. E. A. Dalrymple, Rector of the Episcopal High School, was admitted to a seat in the Convention.

The Secretary *pro tem.* in compliance with the 29th rule of order, then called upon the clergy, in alphabetical order, for their reports, which being presented, the reading thereof was dispensed with.

The report of Wm. H. Hubbard, the Treasurer of the Convention, was presented and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Convention then took a recess for the purpose of attending Divine service.

ONE O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Convention assembled after recess.

A petition for the creation of St. John's Church, Wheeling, and its admission into the Convention, was presented and referred to the appropriate committee.

The Rev. T. T. Castleman laid before the Convention the proceedings of the Board of Trustees of the Virginia Female Institute, which, on motion, were referred to a special committee of five, viz: The Rev. G. D. Cummins, Rev. Horace Stringfellow, Rev. Wm. V. Bowers, Messrs. Hugh W. Sheffey and James Galt.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the consideration of the XIXth Canon, which was laid over from the last Convention, be made the special order for to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That a nomination of delegates to the next General Convention shall be made to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock, and that this Convention will proceed, on the following day, to consider said nominations, and elect said delegates.

The Rev. Mr. Hoff, from the Committee on Elections, to whom was referred the question of the Rev. Mark L. Chevers' right to a seat in this Convention, made the following

#### REPORT:

The Committee on Elections having had before them the case of the Rev. Mark L. Chevers, of Centurion Church, Old Point, beg to report, that although said church has not applied for admission into the Convention, and Mr. Chevers cannot be recognised as the Rector of an existing church, according to the second Article of the Constitution of the Diocese, yet his services in that Church, under the implied authority of the Bishop, entitled him, under the same canon, to be regarded as a missionary of the Diocese, and so to be received as a member of this body.

The said report was adopted by the Convention *nem. con.*, and thereupon, the Rev. Mark L. Chevers took his seat in the Con-

Mr. B. B. Minor presented and read certain resolutions in reference to Christian deportment, which, on motion, were laid on the table; and subsequently, a motion was made to reconsider the vote laying the said resolutions on the table, during the pendency of which motion, the Convention adjourned until to-morrow morning at half-past 8 o'clock.

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**FRIDAY, May 17, 1850, 9 o'clock, A. M.**

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment, and was opened with prayer by the Right Rev. the Assistant Bishop.

The following clergymen, not present yesterday, appeared and took their seats :

Rev. Richard K. Meade,

“ E. B. McGuire,

“ Robert Nelson.

The following lay delegates presented their certificates and were admitted to seats in the Convention :

Cople Parish, Westmoreland, Landon C. Berkeley.

Leeds Parish, Prince William, George G. Tyler.

Dettingen Parish, Prince William, Wm. J. Weir.

Trinity Church, Shepherdstown, Charles T. Butler.

St. Stephen's Church, Culpeper, Slaughter S. Bradford.

The Rev. R. H. Wilmer, from the Committee on New Parishes, to whom were referred certain petitions, viz: the petition of certain members of the Church in Westmoreland county, asking to be separated from Cople Parish, and to be recognised as an independent parish, under the style of **MONTROSS PARISH**; and also the petition from members of the Church in Harper's



Ferry, to be received into union with the Protestant Episcopal Church in Virginia, under the name of **ST. JOHN'S CHURCH**, Harper's Ferry; and also the petition from members of the Church in Marshall county, to be received into union with the Church, under the title of **TRINITY PARISH**, Marshall county; and also the petition from the members of the Church in Aldie and its vicinity, asking to be detached from Shelburne Parish, Loudoun, and to be annexed to Meade Parish, Fauquier; and also the petition from persons favorable to the formation of an Episcopal Church in Winfield, Putnam county, to be admitted into connexion with this Convention, and to be known and designated as **ST. PAUL'S PARISH**, in Winfield, Putnam county, Virginia; and also the petition from certain members of the congregation of St. Matthew's, Wheeling, praying to be separated from said church, and to be constituted a separate parish, under the style of **ST. JOHN'S PARISH**, Wheeling, made a favorable report upon said petitions, and the prayer of the said petitioners was granted by the Convention, and thereupon the said new parishes are admitted into connexion with this Convention, and the church in Aldie was annexed to Meade Parish, Fauquier county.

The following additional lay delegates presented their certificates:

Zion Church, Charlestown, Bushrod C. Washington.

St. James' Church, Fauquier, Dr. Frederick Horner.

St. John's Church, Harper's Ferry, Joseph A. Russell.

Abingdon and Ware Parishes, Gloucester co., John R. Bryan.

A petition from certain members of the Church in Leeds Parish, Fauquier county, praying to be separated from said parish, and for the formation of a new parish, according to the boundaries stated in the petition, and to be received into connexion with this Convention under the name of **TRINITY CHURCH**, Piedmont Parish, Fauquier county, was presented and referred to the Committee on New Parishes; and a favorable report on said petition

having been made by said committee, which was adopted by the Convention, the said parish was accordingly admitted.

The motion pending on yesterday, to reconsider the vote laying on the table certain resolutions presented by Mr. Minor, was adopted; and, thereupon, with the leave of the Convention, the said resolutions were withdrawn by the mover.

The Convention then proceeded to nominate delegates to the next General Convention, when the following gentlemen were nominated.

**For Clerical Delegates**—Rev. Alexander Jones, D. D., Rev. Charles Mann, Rev. Edward McGuire, D. D., Rev. William Armstrong, Rev. T. T. Castleman, Rev. John Grammer, Rev. C. W. Andrews, Rev. William Friend, Rev. John F. Hoff, Rev. James T. Johnston, Rev. William Norwood, Rev. Horace Stringfellow, Rev. James May, D. D., Rev. William Sparrow, D. D.

**For Lay Delegates**—William H. Macfarland, Philip Williams, Tazewell Taylor, Edward T. Tayloe, Hugh W. Sheffey, Nelson Page, George W. Summers, Cassius F. Lee, Edward Colston, Edmund P. Hunter, Jeremiah Morton, William H. Fowle, Dr. William Shepherd, James Galt, and Edmund Fontaine.

The Convention then proceeded to the order of the day, being the consideration of the 19th canon, as reported to the last Convention, and which was laid over at that Convention for the action of this Convention, which canon reads as follows.

#### CANON XIX.

*Offenders to be admonished or repelled from the Lord's Table.*

Any member of the Church, being a communicant thereof, conducting himself or herself in a manner unworthy of a Christian, ought to be admonished, or repelled from the Lord's table by the minister of the parish or church, according to the rubric; and gaming, attendance on horse racing, and theatrical amusements, witnessing immodest and licentious exhibitions or shows, attending public balls, habitual neglect of public worship, or a denial of the doctrines of the Gospel as generally set forth in the authorised standards of the Church, are offences for which discipline should be exercised. This enumeration, however, shall not be construed to in-

clude all the subjects of discipline in the Church; and in cases where it may be deemed expedient by the minister, or may be requested by the accused, the churchwardens, or either of them, if communicants, shall be summoned to assist the minister in ascertaining the facts of the case; *provided*, that if such warden or wardens shall fail, or refuse to act within ten days, the minister shall proceed to act under the rubrics of this Church.

Mr. Minor offered as a substitute for the said canon, the resolutions, previously offered by him and withdrawn. The chair decided that the proposed substitute was not in order.

The canon XIX was then discussed, and during the progress of the debate a motion was carried to limit each speaker to twenty minutes.

The debate was continued until two o'clock, when the Convention took a recess until four o'clock.

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FOUR O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Convention met after recess.

The following lay delegates presented their certificates and were admitted to seats in the Convention:

Falls Church, Fairfax, Arthur Lee Brent, M. D.

Trinity Church, Piedmont Parish, Fauquier co., Jno. T. Smith,

The debate was then resumed upon the 19th canon, and by order of the Convention the debate closed at 7 o'clock; and after the Bishops expressed their views, the vote was taken by orders, and resulted as follows:

#### OF THE CLERGY.

**AYES.**—Right Rev. William Meade, D. D., Right Rev. John Johns, D. D., Rev. Messrs. Adie, Andrews, Ambler, Bowers,

Castleman, Caldwell, Cummins, Chisholm, Clark, Cole, Cooke, Carraway, Earnest, Friend, Fisher, Goodwin, Grammer, Gibson, Hyland, Hoff, Irish, Johnson, Jackson, Jones, Kinckle, Kinsolving, Locke, Lockwood, Minnigerode, John C. McCabe, E. C. McGuire, Wm. McGuire, E. B. McGuire, Meade, Norton, Nash, Pendleton, Rumney, Stringfellow, Sparrow, Shield, George A. Smith, Temple, Towles, Ward, Webb, Walker, Whittle—50.

NOES.—Rev. Messrs. Berkeley, Brown, Disbrow, Leavell, Meredith, Nelson, Peterkin, Sale, Withers, Wharton, Wingfield, Rich'd H. Wilmer, Weed, Geo. T. Wilmer—14.

#### OF THE LAITY.

AYES.—Messrs. Ambler, Berkeley, Butler, Bradford, Brent, Chewning, Cosby, Chambliss, Derby, Fowle, Fisher, Fleming, Grice, Gray, Galt, Gantt, Hunter, Hooe, Harris, Harrison, Horner, Lee, Lewis, Martin, Montgomery, Thomas F. Nelson, Francis Nelson, Wm. Nelson, Francis K. Nelson, Pryor, Powell, Page, Russell, Sheffey, Stevens, Shelton, Stewart, Stuart, Tayloe, Tarry, Taliaferro, Tyler, Weir, Washington—44.\*

NOES.—Messrs. Anderson, Carrington, Durfey, Edmunds, Hoggard, Macfarland, Minor, Oliver, Pollock, Skipwith, Smith, Taylor, Wilson, Watkins—14.

And so the said canon was adopted as canon XIX of the amended canons.

The Convention then adjourned until to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

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\* By order of the Convention the Secretary is permitted, at the request of the gentlemen named, to state that the Rev. J. Packard, D. D., Rev. Mark L. Chevers, and Rev. E. A. Dalrymple, and Messrs. C. J. Merriwether and Henry L. Davis, would, if they had been present when the vote was taken, have voted in the affirmative, and that Dr. R. H. Webb would have voted in the negative, on the passage of the canon.

**SATURDAY, *May* 18, 1850.**

The Convention assembled, and was opened with prayer by the Right Rev. the Assistant Bishop.

Henry W. Latane, Jr., lay delegate from South Farnham, *Essex*, presented his certificate and took his seat in the Convention.

The following additional nominations for delegates to the General Convention, were made :

Rev. David Caldwell,

“ Wm. H. Kinckle,

“ Richard H. Wilmer.

The Convention then proceeded to ballot for four clerical and four lay delegates to the next General Convention.

The following gentlemen were duly elected delegates :

**OF THE CLERGY.**

Rev. William Sparrow, D. D.

“ Alexander Jones, D. D.

“ Charles W. Andrews,

“ E. C. McGuire, D. D.

**OF THE LAITY.**

Hugh W. Sheffey,

Philip Williams,

Tazewell Taylor,

George W. Summers.

On motion, the following gentlemen were appointed alternates:

**OF THE CLERGY.**

Rev. James T. Johnston,

“ John Grammer,

“ William Armstrong,

“ J. F. Hoff.

**OF THE LAITY.**

Cassius F. Lee,

Edmund P. Hunter,

Edward T. Tayloe,

Edward Colston.

The following additional canon was offered and adopted by unanimous consent, to be inserted as the XXth Canon :

#### CANON XX.

*Concerning, altering, or adding to the Canons of this Church.*

No proposed alteration or addition to the canons shall hereafter be considered by the Convention, unless at least one day's previous notice be given in open Convention, nor until such alteration or addition shall have been referred to, and reported upon, by a committee of at least two presbyters and two laymen. Nor shall such alteration or addition be adopted during the same Convention, if two-thirds of the members shall not concur therein ; but in such case, it shall lie over for consideration until the next annual Convention.

Ordered, that the canon adopted at the last Convention as Canon XIX, entitled "Canon for repealing former Canons," be hereafter inserted in the Journal as Canon XXI.

On motion, ordered that the substitute for the XIXth Canon, offered by B. B. Minor on yesterday, and which was ruled to be out of order, be entered on the Journal, which is in the words following :

#### CHRISTIAN DEPORTMENT.

The Prayer Book and other standards of this Church, in conformity with the Holy Scriptures, require and inculcate strict purity, propriety and consistency in the "walk and conversation" of her members. The sacred Scriptures declare that Christians must not only "not be conformed to this world, but transformed by the renewing of their mind," and "keep themselves unspotted from the world"—"avoiding even the appearance of evil." At their baptism, they "renounce the pomps and vanities of the world," and in approaching the table of the Lord, they are exhorted to "search and examine their consciences, (and that not lightly,) in order that they may come holy and clean to such a heavenly feast." They are also warned of the great danger of receiving the communion unworthily ; and the minister is empowered and required, if he know any of his communicants to be an open and notorious evil liver, or to have done any

wrong to his neighbors by word or deed, so that the congregation be thereby offended, to advertise him, that he presume not to come to the Lord's table "until he have repented and amended."

Therefore, be it *Resolved*, That it is the duty of all the communicants of this Church, to inculcate and exemplify the strictest purity and consistency of Christian deportment; and especially to abstain from all those vain, fashionable and worldly amusements, which tend to lower the standard of personal piety, if not to destroy it; to promote a spirit of worldly-mindedness, already too prevalent: to obliterate the lines which separate believers from the world, and to "hinder the Gospel," by bringing reproach upon its professed followers; and that, if pastors find any of their flock addicted to such things, it is their duty to admonish and dissuade them, with all the love which the Spirit of *CHARITY* requires, but all the firmness which their high and solemn responsibility enjoins; and, if necessary, to deter them, with all the authority which their sacred office and the rubrics of the Church, in their letter and spirit, confer.

2d. *Resolved*, That the foregoing resolution be published in each journal of this Convention, as a deliberate expression of its sentiments, until otherwise ordered.

The Right Rev. the Bishop read to the Convention the following address, which, with the paper referred to therein, was ordered to be entered upon the Journal:

*Dear Brethren:*

From time to time I have had occasion to communicate to the Convention some information concerning bequests to the Church for the benefit of her religious institutions, and either the faithful execution of duty on the part of those unto whom the trust of fulfilling such testaments was committed, or the refusal to do it, under the plea that the laws of our State were insufficient to compel them so to do. I now communicate the fact, that the late Mrs. Fidelia Ball, of Lancaster county, Virginia, has bequeathed to myself, for the benefit of our Theological Seminary, five shares of the Bank of Virginia stock, and the same number to be used in another way, as I might think proper, and that her bother, John B. Downman, of Fauquier county, has at once transferred the same to me, although under no legal obligations so to do, according to the present legislation of our State. It is my painful duty, however, to communicate another case, in which there is reason to fear that one of our smaller parishes is in dan-

ger of losing property to the amount of one thousand dollars, the interest of which has hitherto been applied to the support of the rector. The following communication, through me to the Convention, from the vestry of Cumberland Parish, in the county of Lunenburg, will show how the continued refusal on the part of the Legislature of Virginia to afford adequate protection to congregations and religious institutions, tempts her citizens to sacrilege, and robs God's Church of that which HE HIMSELF had bestowed upon it, through the instrumentality of those into whose hearts he put the good desire to promote His Kingdom, even after death, by the bequest of a portion of that property, which they had received of HIM, and held as stewards and tenants. I am sorry also to add, that our fund for the support of the widows and orphans of deceased clergymen, has been, and perhaps still is, in some jeopardy, not through any want of integrity on the part of those holding the fund, but from insufficiency of law to protect it.

The following is the communication from the Vestry of Cumberland Parish, referred to in the above address :

"At a meeting of the Vestry of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Cumberland Parish, in the county of Lunenburg, held on the 4th of April, 1850, it appeared that repeated applications had been made to James P. Street, one of the administrators of David Street, deceased, and one of four equal residuary legatees under his will, for the funds belonging to this parish, which were in the said decedent's hands at the time of his death, amounting to near four thousand dollars ; and that said James P. Street had refused to deliver them up, acknowledging at the same time that he had no right to them ; and that the other administrators and legatees have expressed a willingness that the funds should be placed immediately in the hands of individuals, who are members of the vestry, to be used for the support of the minister. Whereupon, it is ordered by the vestry, that the foregoing statement of facts be entered upon record, and that a copy be transmitted to the Convention of this Diocese."

(Signed)

ROBERT A. ATKINSON,  
CHARLES SMITH,  
WM. J. NOBLETT,  
JOHN L. CRALLE,  
J. H. STOKES,  
R. B. ATKINSON.



A communication from Rev. J. Poisal, General Agent of the Bible Society of Virginia, accompanied by copies of the 37th annual report of the Bible Society of Virginia, to be distributed among the members of the Convention, was read and ordered to be filed.

The Rev. George D. Cummins, from the committee to whom was referred the proposition from the Board of Trustees of the Virginia Female Institute at Staunton, submitted a report, which, as amended, is as follows :

The committee appointed for that purpose have had under consideration a resolution adopted by the Trustees of the " Virginia Female Institute," on the 6th of May, 1850, in which they tender to this Convention the property of said Institute, on the conditions that the Convention will assume the debts thereof, (the same being estimated at not more than \$7.50%), and the said Institute be continued as a school for the instruction of females.

The committee beg leave to report, that they are unanimously of opinion that the Virginia Female Institute, if continued as a female school under the auspices and influence of the Church, will prove a nursery of piety and knowledge, and a blessing to the diocese, and that the threatened danger of its sale and transfer to other hands ought, if possible, to be averted. They are, however, unwilling to recommend to the Convention (at this time) the acceptance of the proposition of the Trustees; but trust that by the adoption of the resolution they herewith submit, the means may be raised to avert the sale of the Institute, and to preserve to the Diocese a female school, which may hereafter be brought under the direct supervision and control of the Convention. They, therefore, respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the Convention highly appreciate the importance of the Virginia Female Institute at Staunton, and recommend to the friends of the Church to aid in extricating it from its present pecuniary embarrassment.

The said report and resolution, after being discussed, was adopted.

The following resolution was submitted and adopted :

*Resolved*, That this Convention have learned with lively satisfaction the acceptance by the Rt. Rev. John Johns, D. D., of the Presidency of Wil-

liam and Mary College, and impressed with a high opinion of the advantages presented by this venerable Institution, so eminently distinguished by the scientific and religious character of the Faculty, do recommend it to the patronage of the Church.

On motion, *Resolved*, that when this Convention adjourn, it adjourn to meet in Trinity Church, Staunton, on the third Wednesday in May, 1851.

The Rev. Nelson Sale, from the Committee on Parochial Reports, presented the following report :

The committee have examined one hundred and five Parochial Reports submitted to them, and recommend that they be printed in the Journal.— They have also prepared an abstract from these reports and a synopsis exhibiting the number of communicants added during the year, the nett annual gain of communicants, and other matters of interest, which are herewith respectfully submitted to the Convention.

The committee take this opportunity to recommend to their brethren that the parishes be distinctly designated in their future reports, and also that they be particular in specifying the number of their colored communicants.

NELSON SALE,

*Chairman.\**

The Rev. Wm. V. Bowers, from the Committee on the Widows and Orphans Fund, presented the following report :

The Committee on the Widows and Orphans Fund, respectfully report, that in consequence of the death of Wm. Williams, Esq., late Treasurer, no papers relative to that Fund have come to the hands of the committee. They would, therefore, suggest to the Convention the expediency of taking measures, by the appointment of a Trustee, or otherwise, to obtain from the Executor of Mr. Williams' estate the funds of the society, and to hold the same in behalf of the Convention.

WILLIAM V. BOWERS,

*Chairman.*

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\* See Appendix A, B and C, for Parochial Reports, Abstract and Synopsis.

On motion, *Resolved*, That John L. Bacon, Esq., of Richmond, be appointed Treasurer of the Widows and Orphans Fund, and also one of the Trustees of said fund, in place of Wm. Williams, deceased.

The Convention then took a recess until five o'clock, P. M.

FIVE O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Convention assembled after recess.

The following resolution was submitted and adopted.

*Resolved*, That Wm. H. Hubbard, John L. Bacon, John O. Stager and B. B. Minor, be a committee to consider and report to the next Convention as to the expediency of reducing the present parochial assessment of one dollar for each communicant, and if they deem such reduction expedient, that they specify what assessment will be absolutely necessary to meet the annual demands of the Diocese.

Dr. Richard H. Webb presented his certificate of election as lay delegate from St. Paul's Church, Suffolk, which being approved by the committee, he was admitted to a seat in the Convention.

The Rev. C. W. Andrews, from the Committee on the Episcopal Fund, presented the following report:

The Committee on the Episcopal Fund have received from the Wardens of Christ Church, Alexandria, the following statement in relation to the Episcopal Fund, which they beg leave to submit as their

#### REPORT:

The Trustees of the Bishop's Fund report, that since the last Convention they have purchased with the cash then on hand, and dividends since received on Bank Stocks, six shares of stock of the Farmers' Bank of Virginia, and one share of stock of the Bank of the Valley, leaving on deposits

in the Farmers' Bank of Virginia at Alexandria \$28 50 to the credit of the Trust Fund, and dividends undrawn, Farmers' Bank of Virginia, amounting to \$68 75.

#### CREDITS.

Cash on deposit in Farmers' Bank of Virginia, at Alexandria, as reported last Convention,	-	-	-	\$140 50
Dividends received on Exchange Bank of Virginia Stock,	-	-	-	420 00
do. do. Farmers' Bank of Virginia	do.	-	-	123 25
do. do. Bank of the Valley	do.	-	-	76 00
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				\$759 75

#### CHARGES.

To cash paid for 3 shares Farmers' Bank of Virginia stock, at \$101.75 per share,	-	-	\$305 25
To cash paid for 3 shares Farmers' Bank of Virginia stock, at \$104 per share,	-	-	312 00
To cash paid for 1 share Bank of the Valley stock,	114	00	
do. on deposit in Farm. Bk. of Va., Alexandria,	28	50	\$759 75
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The Bishop's Fund now consists of 60 shares of stock			
Exchange Bank of Virginia,	-	-	\$6,000 00
29 shares of stock Farmers' Bank of Virginia,	-	-	2,900 00
10 do. do. Bank of the Valley,	-	-	1,000 00
Cash on deposit in Farmers' Bk. of Va., Alexandria,			28 50
Dividends undrawn Farmers' Bank of Virginia,	-	-	68 75
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			\$9,997 25
The amount of the Fund last year,	-	-	9,340 50
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Increase,			\$656 75

WASH. C. PAGE, } Trustees Bishop's  
LOUIS A. CAZENOVE, } Fund of Virginia.

ALEXANDRIA, May 15, 1850.

The Convention then proceeded to the election of the Executive Committee of the Diocesan Missionary Society.

The following gentlemen were duly elected :

Right Rev. Wm. Meade, D. D., *ex officio*.

Right Rev. John Johns, D. D., *ex officio*.

Rev. Adam Empie, D. D.

Rev. Alexander Jones, D. D.

Rev. George Woodbridge.

John O. Steger, Esq., *Secretary*.

John L. Bacon, Esq., *Treasurer*.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Rev. John Grammer, Rev. George Woodbridge, and Wm. H. Macfarland, John Stewart and John O. Steger, Esqs., be a committee to enquire into the manner in which the funds of the Theological Seminary, and of the Diocesan Missionary Society, and of the Episcopal Fund, and of the Fund for the relief of the Widows and Orphans of deceased clergymen, are invested and held, and that they report to the next Convention their opinion as to the safety of the said funds, and the best plan for securing the same.

C. J. Merriwether presented his certificate of election as lay delegate from Christ Church, Charlottesville, which, being approved by the committee, he was admitted to a seat in the Convention.

The Rev. George Adie, on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary and High School, presented the following report :

#### REPORT

*Of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary and High School.*

There is nothing in the condition of the Theological Seminary requiring either a particular or extended notice. It continues to enjoy the favor and protection of Him, for whose honor it has been established, and to whose glory it is, and we trust ever will be, consecrated.

Under its able and efficient professors, it is training up those who enjoy its privileges, in all requisites essential to constitute them able ministers of the New Testament. We regard it as the nursery of Evangelical truth, through which the Church and the world will be blessed.

We could most devoutly wish that it were as prosperous in point of numbers, as its many advantages merit.

Though capable of accommodating a large number of students, and presenting the strongest claims upon the affections and support of the Church, the number is comparatively small. It becomes us all to pray, that the Lord of the harvest will bless more abundantly this school of the prophets, and send forth more faithful servants to gather in the harvest already ripe, and inviting the reapers to the promised rewards. We are either restraining prayer before God, withholding the knowledge of its superior claims and advantages, or else the sons of the Church are devoting to the world or laying up in a napkin those talents which are claimed by Him who gave them—for the preaching of His Word, and making known to the lost children of men, the great salvation of the Gospel. We are verily guilty in this matter—it may be of our brother's blood, and it becomes each one of us to inquire, "Lord is it I?"

The Permanent Fund is gradually increasing, amounting to about fifty-five thousand dollars, but a considerable sum is yet needed to secure the punctual payment of the salaries of the professors.

The prosperity and success of our High School is gratifying to its friends, and we trust the growing experience of its highly competent rector will render it all that the friends of solid literature and true piety could desire.

The reports of the several professors are herewith submitted.

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*Report of the Professor of Systematic Divinity and the Evidences of Christianity.*

I have nothing special to report in regard to my last year's duty in the Seminary. The three classes have been pursuing the usual studies. In punctuality and diligence they have quite equalled my expectations.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM SPARROW.

June 15, 1850.

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*To the Trustees of the Theological Seminary  
of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Virginia:*

*Report of the Professor of Church History and Church Polity.*

In the Senior class the usual course of studies in the History of the Church of England, and in Ecclesiastical Polity (Hooker's) has been completed. The review remains to be entered upon. The members of this

class prepare and read sermons for criticism, in meetings of the Students with the professor, weekly.

In the middle class, the General History of the Church has been studied as usual, and the annual course now nearly completed. The review will be entered upon in a few days. Exercises in composition have been regularly prepared throughout the term. The topics are selected from the variety furnished in the History of the Church.

JAMES MAY.

*Theological Seminary, May 15, 1850.*

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*Report of the Professor of Biblical Literature.*

He would respectfully report, that the class, in his department have, during the past session, pursued the prescribed course of study, and have made, by the divine blessing, the usual progress.

The Senior class have read in Greek the Epistles to Timothy and Titus, to the Ephesians, and the two Epistles of St. Peter, and that of Jude.

The Middle class have studied in Greek the Epistles to the Romans, and Hebrews, and the two to Timothy; and in Hebrew have read the Prophecies of CHRIST, with the Commentary of Hengstersberg.

The Junior class, to whom his principal attention is devoted, have read in Hebrew twenty-two chapters in Genesis, and about twenty Psalms; and in Greek nearly the whole of Robinson's Harmony of the Gospels. They hope to finish it by the close of the Session.

They have also studied Jahn's Jewish Antiquities, Horne's Introduction to the Old Testament, and the principles of Biblical Interpretation, and have given some attention to Jewish History and Chronology. They have written critical essays on the most important and difficult subjects of the Scriptures.

All which is respectfully submitted,

J. PACKARD.

*Thedburg, May 15, 1850.*

As Librarian, he would further report; that there have been added to the Library, by purchase, forty-two volumes of Migne's Editions of the Fathers; and that the remaining volumes to complete the set have been ordered.

*To the Trustees of the Episcopal High School of Virginia:*

The Rector of the High School respectfully begs leave to present his fifth annual report.

Since the last Convention the sixth session has closed, (11th, July 1849,) and the seventh commenced, (September 12th, 1849.) The order, arrangements, and administration of the various departments continue, without any important changes, as previously reported. Such as have been made will be found in their proper places in the accompanying pamphlet.

The number of the students continues to show an encouraging prosperity. In consequence of the firm purpose of the Trustees and the authorities of the school to keep it as free as possible from the influence of students whose conduct or character may not prove correct and satisfactory, some were *required* during the last session to retire from the school, whilst at its close others were permitted to dissolve their connexion with it. The present number is 59; and the Rector avails himself of this opportunity to express his firm conviction that never, since his connexion with the school, has the moral and religious character of the students been more entirely correct and satisfactory. No expulsions or dismissions have occurred.

E. A. DALRYMPLE, *Rector.*

*Howard, Va., May 17, 1850.*

The Rev. Philip Slaughter, Agent of the Colonization Society of Virginia, presented the following preamble and resolution, which were unanimously adopted :

WHEREAS, this Convention is informed of the reorganization of an association of intelligent and patriotic citizens, under the title of the Colonization Society of Virginia, the object of which is to co-operate with the American Colonization Society, in sending back to the land of their fathers the free colored people of this State, bearing the ark of God and all the institutions of Christian civilization and republican government. And whereas, it is believed that the success which has attended the past labors of this Society encourages the hope that it will do more than any other plan which has been suggested for a happy solution of the difficult social, political and religious problem, arising out of the providential presence amongst us of that degraded class of our population, and furnishes strong reasons for believing that the Christian Commonwealth which it has planted in the very centre of African barbarism, by means of its churches



and schools, as well as by the protection and encouragement it affords to our missionaries to the heathen, and by being in itself the nursery of native colored missionaries, is one of the chief instruments by which Divine Providence will fulfil his own prophecy, that Ethiopia shall soon stretch forth her hands unto God. Therefore,

*Resolved*, That this Convention do commend to the members and friends of our Communion in Virginia, the subject of African colonization as a wise measure of State policy and a deserving object of Christian charity.

*Resolved*, That it be earnestly recommended to the ministers and vestries of the Episcopal Church in this diocese, to take up collections in their several congregations, on the Sunday preceding or succeeding the 4th of July, or at such other time as they may deem more expedient.

The Rev. Dr. McGuire, from the Committee on the State of the Church, presented the following

#### REPORT:

The Committee on the State of the Church beg leave to report, that having availed themselves of all accessible sources of information, they find gratifying evidence of continued growth of the Church in this Diocese, in every thing pertaining to her external prosperity. The steady increase of the clergy, the addition of new fields of labor by the subdivision of some of the larger parishes, or reclaimed from waste places, with the erection of houses of worship and parsonages, afford gratifying indications of the expansive power which animates the Church, and fits her for extensive self-diffusion and usefulness.

It is due, however, to the claims of a faithful record to say, that the signs of that spiritual sensibility, which constitutes the true glory and prosperity of the Church, has not especially marked the history of our Zion through the past year. This may be equally true of other religious communions in our land, but it is not on that account the less deserving of diligent inquiry into causes, and earnest efforts towards a gracious deliverance from so sad and discouraging a deficiency. We have indeed been recently called to pass through a season of unusual religious and civil agitation, a state of things ordinarily, through human infirmity, hostile to spiritual susceptibility and improvement; but as the walls of Jerusalem, we learn, went up in troublous times, so should the living temple in its growth be unimpeded by the conflicts and interruptions of human passion and error. There has been, however, much of Christian benevolence and fruitfulness in good works throughout the Diocese, giving evidence of real piety, and encour-

aging the hope that the light of so holy an example will not be in vain, but, through grace, cause many to glorify God in the day of visitation.

The unanimity of the Diocese in all the essential truths of our holy religion, is still a subject of congratulation and thankfulness. Nor has there ever been a period in our history when such harmony has been of higher importance. That much grievous error prevails, menacing the purity and peace of the Church at home, as abroad, can no longer be overlooked. In such a condition of things, when clouds overspread us and the winds blow, a fixed and steady light is of peculiar value, as the vessel drives before the storm and no longer discerns the haven where she would be. It is hoped that such honor will ever attend our portion of the Church,—that she will ever continue a faithful witness for truth,—a light to guide the timid, the doubtful, the wavering, to the tranquil harbor of assurance and peace.

Among the subordinate instrumentalities especially claiming favor and esteem, the Diocesan Missionary Society is entitled, we conceive, to a prominent place. Through the past year, as for several preceding years, it has accomplished the important end of maintaining the sacred ministrations of religion in some eighteen or twenty of our feeble and destitute parishes. The sphere of usefulness might, in this way, be greatly enlarged, if the managers could be furnished with more abundant means. Many parishes in the State now languish, retaining in weakness a precarious existence, through lack of that temporal support which alone can prevent the evil of frequent and painful disruptions of the pastoral tie. We are therefore free to say, that we know not of any ordinary agency by which more good could be effected in behalf of our Zion than by this Society, if her treasury were adequately and punctually replenished by the liberal contributions of her friends.

The committee notice, with pleasure, the indications of successful endeavor, in reference to the religious instruction of the colored classes of our population. Though in many places the denominational sympathies of these people render them in a great degree inaccessible to our clergy, yet even in such cases might the impediments be greatly overcome by the effectual influence of Sunday Schools and domestic tuition, the knowledge of Divine truth being conveyed in the persuasive tones of affectionate oral teaching. In this way is prejudice undermined, and avenues opened for that heavenly instruction, which at once makes "wise unto salvation," and more conformed in temper and conduct to the duties and proprieties of their peculiar social position.

All which is respectfully submitted,

E. C. McGUIRE, *Chairman.*

On motion, and by the unanimous consent of the Convention, it was ordered that the following paper, submitted by the signers, be entered on the journal :

" The undersigned, who voted against the canon designated as Canon XIX, which was adopted on yesterday, beg leave to enter on the journal that their opposition was for reasons involving its constitutionality and expediency. .

Richard H. Wilmer,  
George T. Wilmer,  
Richard T. Brown,  
William C. Meredith.  
D. M. Wharton,  
J. Ambler Weed,  
P. F. Berkeley,  
John H. Wingfield,  
Nelson Sale,  
William T. Leavell,  
Edmund Withers,  
W. L. Watkins,  
B. B. Minor.  
Richard Anderson,  
Tazewell Taylor,\*  
George M. Carrington."

Wm. H. Macfarland, from the Committee on Finance, made the following

#### REPORT :

The Finance Committee report, that the contributions to the contingent fund, received by the Treasurer, pro : tem : amount to \$4,685.79, as shewn by statement A, (see appendix F.) Of this sum \$121.62, were paid for the delinquencies of 1849, viz : by St. Paul's Church, Norfolk, \$27.50; Cople Parish, Westmoreland, \$11.50; Wickliffe Parish, Clarke county, \$5.00; Nelson Parish, Nelson county, \$25; Littleton Parish, Cumberland county, Grace and St. James's Churches, \$4.00; Zion Church, St. Andrew's Parish, Jefferson county, \$46.62, and St. Stephen's Church, Bedford county, \$2.00.

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\* Instructed to vote against it for same reason.

The account of the Treasurer, W. H. Hubbard, Esq., (see appendix marked K,) is sustained by proper vouchers, and shows a balance in his hands of \$780.58, May 17, 1850.

The parishes in arrear, and the sums for which they are delinquent, will be seen by document, marked H, (see appendix.)

Parishes and churches which appear to have made no report, will appear by document marked I, in appendix.

WM. H. MACFARLAND,

*Chairman.*

The Rev. William M. Jackson, from the Committee on the Diocesan Missionary Society, to whom was referred the accounts of the late and present treasurers, reported the accounts to be correct.\*

The report of the Executive Committee of the Diocesan Missionary Society, which was submitted to the Convention on the second day of the session, and referred to the committee, is as follows:

#### REPORT:

The Executive Committee of the Diocesan Missionary Society, respectfully report, that they have contributed during the past year to the support of nineteen missionaries. These are the Rev. Wm. F. Lockwood, of Fairfax; Rev. A. B. Tizzard, Chesterfield; Rev. N. A. Okeson, City Point; Rev. Wm. Duval, Richmond City; Rev. Robert Nelson, Lexington; Rev. Carter Page, Campbell; Rev. R. T. Brown, Jefferson; Rev. John C. McCabe, Smithfield; Rev. E. T. Perkins, Parkersburg; Rev. G. S. Carraway, Mathews; Rev. S. D. Tompkins, Weston; Rev. James McElroy, Buchanan; Rev. James D. McCabe, Abingdon; Rev. J. A. Weed, Accomac; Rev. S. R. Slack, Albemarle; Rev. D. Caldwell, Amherst County; Rev. F. B. Nash, Kanawha; Rev. W. L. Hyland, Brooke and Marshall Counties; Rev. C. H. Shield, Rappahannock.

Of these, two, the Rev. Carter Page and the Rev. James D. McCabe, have removed; and one, the Rev. Wm. Duval has died; leaving at present in the service of the Society only sixteen missionaries. In the death of Mr. Duval, the Society has lost one of the most ardent, efficient and self-

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\*See accounts in Appendix, marked letters D. and E.

sacrificing of its laborers in the missionary field, and the Church one of its most devoted and useful ministers.

The Committee have also to announce the death during the past year, of their friend and associate, William Williams, Esq., the treasurer of the Society, whose long and faithful services in its behalf, and in various other offices connected with the Church in this Diocese, renders his loss a serious one, not only to the Diocesan Missionary Society, but to the Church at large.

In the exigency, created by his death, your committee appointed John L. Bacon, Esq., the Treasurer of the Society.

The receipts of the Society during the past year were \$1970 80, and its disbursements \$1962 80, leaving a balance on hand of \$400 71.

Three hundred and fifty prayer books and 7,372 pages of tracts have been distributed during the past year.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

By order of the Executive Committee,

JOHN O. STEGER, *Secretary*.

The Convention then proceeded to the election of the Standing Committee of the Diocese for the ensuing year. Whereupon the following gentlemen were duly chosen :

Rev. Wm. Sparrow, D. D.	Orlando Fairfax, M. D.
" C. B. Dana,	C. F. Lee,
" James T. Johnston,	John Hooff.

The following resolutions were then unanimously passed by the Convention :

1. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention be presented to the citizens of Alexandria, for the hospitality and kindness extended to its members.

2. *Resolved*, That the Treasurer be directed to pay the door-keeper of this Convention fifteen dollars, and also the expenses of the Secretary *pro tem*.

3. *Resolved*, That the Secretary *pro tem*. cause to be printed two thousand copies of this Journal for distribution among the parishes.

The business of the Convention being ended, the Secretary read the journal of the proceedings of the day, and after the usual religious services, the Convention adjourned to meet in Trinity Church, Staunton, on the third Wednesday in May, 1851.

**WILLIAM MEADE,**

*President of the Convention.*

**TAKEWELL TAYLOR, *Secretary pro tem.*** }

**HOLT WILSON, *Ass't Secretary pro tem.*** }

## APPENDIX.

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### A.

#### PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

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##### Alexandria.

*Christ Church, Fairfax Parish, Alexandria and Fairfax counties.*

THE REV. C. B. DANA, Rector.

Communicants—added 14, 7 from other cures; removed, 10; died, 2; total, 126; colored 10. Baptisms—infants, white 23, colored 27; total, 50. Confirmations, 8. Marriages, 5. Funerals, 7. Number of families, 80. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, upwards of \$1,100.

*St. Paul's Church, Alexandria.*

THE REV. J. T. JOHNSTON, Rector.

Communicants—added 16, 6 from other cures; removed, 10; died, 10; withdrawn, 1; total, 143. Baptisms—adults, white 1; infants, white 38; total, 39. Confirmations, 10. Marriages, 2. Funerals, 18. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$1,011 88.

##### Accomac County.

*St. George's Parish, St. George's and St. Michael's Churches.*

THE REV. J. AMBLER WEED, Rector.

Communicants—added, 1 by removal; died, 1; total, 8. Baptisms—infants, white 2, colored 1; total, 3. Marriages, 1. Funerals, 1. Number of families, 60.

*St. James's Parish.*

THE REV. W. G. H. JONES, Rector.

White communicants, 29. No report made from this parish.

*Albemarle County.**Walker's Parish.*

THE REV. E. BOYDEN, Rector.

Communicants—added, 1; removed, 3; total, 21. Baptisms—white, 1. Marriages, 1. Number of families, 10. Amount collected for benevolent objects about \$100.

*Christ Church, Charlottesville.*

THE REV. R. K. MEADE, Rector.

Communicants—added, 10; died, 1; suspended, 1; total, 75. Baptisms—adults, white 3; infants, white 8; total, 11. Confirmations, 5. Marriages, 3. Funerals, 2. Amount collected for charitable purposes, \$650.

*Buck Mountain and St. Paul's Churches, Frederickville Parish.*

THE REV. SAMUEL R. SLACK, Rector.

Communicants—added, 5, 2 from other cures; removed, 3; died, 3; withdrawn, 1; total, 31. Baptisms—infants, white 2; total, 2. Confirmations, 4. Funerals, 5. Number of families, 39. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, including Church repairs, \$147 67.

*St. Anne's Parish, Christ Church.*

THE REV. CHARLES E. AMBLER, Rector.

Communicants—added, 4; total, 26. Baptisms—adults, white 2; infants, white 2; total, 4. Confirmations, 3. Funerals, 2. Number of families, 13—adults, 45; infants, 18. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$76; for the Bible Society \$65; total \$141.



**Amherst County.**

*Lezington Parish, St. Luke's Church, New Glasgow and Ascension Church, Amherst Court House.*

THE REV. DAVID CALDWELL, Rector.

Communicants—added, 5 ; removed, 2 ; died, 3 ; total, 35. Baptisms—infants, white 3. Confirmations, 5. Funerals, 2. Amount contributed for the different institutions of the Church, \$150.

**Amelia County and Powhatan County.**

*Raleigh Parish, Amelia County, and Genito Parish, Powhatan county.*

THE REV. P. F. BERKELEY, Rector.

Communicants—added, 2, 1 from another cure ; total, 42. Baptisms—infants, white 2 ; total, 2. Confirmations, 3. Marriages, 4. Funerals, 4. Number of families, 27—adults, 100 ; infants, 45. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$185.

The rector continues to officiate, as for years past, once a fortnight in each of the above named parishes,—catechising the children occasionally, and preaching to the servants on some of the farms as opportunity is offered. Also, through the aid of the members of Leighton convocation, religious services are being performed once a month at Paineville, in Raleigh Parish, where are a few members and friends of the Church.

**Augusta County.**

*Trinity Church, Staunton.*

THE REV. T. T. CASTLEMAN, Rector.

Communicants—added, 6 ; removed, 3 ; died, 2 ; suspended, 4 ; total, 99. Baptisms—infants, white 5 ; colored 7 ; total, 12. Confirmations, 5. Marriages, 7. Funerals, 10. Number of families, 64—adults, 250 ; infants, 152. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$313.

For more than three years past I have devoted much of my time and energies to the erection of a seminary of learning in Staunton, for young

ladies, under the name of the "Virginia Female Institute." I now report this institution completed, and in successful operation, under the superintendence of the Rev. R. H. Phillips, whose report will show its present number of scholars, and its present encouraging prospects.

*Virginia Female Institute, Staunton.*

REV. R. H. PHILLIPS begs leave respectfully to report to the Bishop, that during the past year he has been engaged as principal of the Virginia Female Institute. Part of the year he held a monthly service at Boyden Chapel, and officiated occasionally for the Rector of Trinity Parish. He has held daily services among the pupils of the Institute, and on the Sabbath he has instructed them from the excellent Catechisms edited by the Rt. Rev. Bishop of the diocese. He has also preached in the Chapel of the Institute on the Sabbath when the weather prevented the pupils from attending the Parish Church. The number of pupils under his charge is about eighty, among whom are five communicants.

*Staunton, Va., May 13, 1850.*

**Bedford County.**

*St. Stephen's Church.*

THE REV. O. A. KINSOLVING, Rector.

Communicants—added, 9; removed, 4; died, 1; total, 63. Baptisms—adults, white 2; infants, white 1; total, 3. Confirmations, 5. Marriages, 3. Funerals, 2. Number of families 38—adults, 75; infants, 60. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church \$120.

*Trinity Church, Russell Parish.*

THE REV. NELSON SALE, Rector.

Communicants—added, 1; removed, 4; total, 27. Baptisms—infants, white 2; total, 2. Confirmations, 3. Marriages, 6. Number of families, unknown.

*St. Thomas's Church, West Russell Parish.*

THE REV. NELSON SALE, Rector.

Communicants—added, 2; total, 11. Baptisms—infants, white 4; total, 4. Confirmations, 1. Marriages, 4.

Although I have preached once in a month at this church, my connexion with it as Rector is of very recent occurrence.

I have also preached at St. Luke's Church, Lexington Parish, Amherst county, once a month. The interests of this church have suffered greatly for the last year or two by deaths and emigration. Present number of communicants, 29. Funerals, 5.

*St. John's Church, Heber Parish.*

THE REV. WM. H. KINCKLE, Rector.

Communicants—added, 9; removed, 1; died, 1; total, 35. Baptisms—adults 4, infants 14, of which 6 were colored; total, 18. Confirmations, 6. Funerals, 2. Contributions—Foreign Missions \$7; Domestic \$12; Contingent Fund \$25; Theological Seminary \$30; total, \$74.

**Berkley Countv.***Trinity Church, Martinsburg.*

THE REV. JAMES CHISHOLM, Rector.

Communicants—added, 3; removed, 3; died, 1; total, 30. Baptisms—infants, white 3, colored 1; total, 4. Confirmations, 1. Funerals, 2. Number of families, 20—adults 60, infants 41. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$50 to the Foreign Missions.

During the past year a commodious parsonage has been provided by the exertions of the ladies of the congregation, aided, in an important degree, by the liberality of a gentleman belonging to Mount Zion Church.

*Norborne Parish, Mt. Zion Church, Hedgesville.*

THE REV. JAMES CHISHOLM, Rector.

Communicants—added, 10; removed, 4; died, 1; suspended, 1; total, 65. Baptisms—adults, white 1; infants, white 9; total, 10. Confirmations, 10. Marriages, 1. Funerals, 6. Number of families, 35—adults 100, infants 50. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$44.

*Christ Church, Norborne Parish, and Lee Town and Middleway,  
Jefferson county.*

THE REV. RICHARD T. BROWN, Rector.

Communicants—added, 4; removed, 2; died, 2; total, 35. Baptisms—adults, white 1; infants, white 9, colored 3; total, 13. Confirmations, 3. Marriages, 7. Funerals, 18. Number of families, 22—adults 50, infants 48. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$38.

**Botetourt County.**

*Botetourt Parish, Botetourt and Roanoke counties.*

THE REV. GEORGE T. WILMER, Rector.

Communicants—added, 10; removed 2; white 46, colored 1; total, 47. Baptisms—adults, white, 2; infants, white, 6; total, 8. Confirmations, 4. Marriages, 4. Funerals, 1. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$119 50.

*Trinity Church, Buchanan.*

THE REV. JAMES McELROY, Rector.

Communicants—added, 5; total, 25. Confirmations, 4. Marriages, 2. Funerals, 1. Number of families, 19—adults, 44; infants, 42. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$97 75.

**Brooke County.**

*Christ Church Parish, Wellsburg.*

THE REV. WM. LYTTLETON HYLAND, Deacon.

When the undersigned took the charge of this parish, in October, 1849, he found 15 communicants enrolled on the register, left by the Rev. J. L. Harrison. There have been 2 communicants added, and 1 suspended—present number 14.

A resident minister is much needed in this parish.

**Brunswick County.***St. Andrew's Parish.*

THE REV. ROBERTS P. JOHNSON, Rector.

Communicants—added, 9; removed, 2; died, 3; white 41, colored 22; total, 63. Baptisms—adults, white, 1; colored, 1; infants, white, 7; colored, 26; total, 35. Confirmations, 4. Marriages, 1. Funerals 3. Number of families, 37. Amount collected for the different institutions of Church, \$149 70.

**Buckingham County.***Tillotson Parish, St. Peter's Church.*

THE REV. WILLIAM C. MEREDITH, Rector.

Communicants—added, 4; removed, 2; died, 1; total, 34. Baptisms—infants, white 3; total 3. Confirmations, 1. Marriages, 5. Funerals, 3. Number of families, 17—adults, 47; infants, 31. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$26.

**Caroline County.***St. Margaret's Church.*

THE REV. D. M. WHARTON, Rector.

Communicants—added, 1; died, 2; removed, 1; total, 32. Confirmations, 1. Funerals, 3. Number of families, 11—adults, from 40 to 50; infants, about 25. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$18.

*St. Peter's and Grace Churches.*

THE REV. WILLIAM FRIEND, Rector.

Communicants—added, 3; removed, 10; total, 45. Baptisms—infants, white, 6; total, 6. Confirmations, 3; Marriages, 1; Funerals, 2. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$150.

## Charles City County.

### *Westover Parish.*

THE REV. WILLIAM T. LEAVELL, Rector.

Communicants—died, 2; withdrawn, 1; total, 30. Baptisms—infants, white, 2; total, 2. Marriages, 2. Funerals, 3. Number of families, 25—adults, 66; infants, 66. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$528 76, viz:

For Episcopal Theological Seminary,	-	-	-	-	\$185 00
Bible Society,	-	-	-	-	58 76
Foreign and Domestic Missions, \$20 each,	-	-	-	-	40 00
Colonization Society,	-	-	-	-	25 00
Bishop's and contingent fund,	-	-	-	-	30 00
Church repairs,	-	-	-	-	190 00
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## Chesterfield County.

### *Sappona Church.*

THE REV. A. B. TIZZARD, Rector.

Communicants—added, 2; total 16. Baptisms—infants, white, 8; total, 8. Confirmations, 2. Marriages, 3. Funerals, 8. Number of families, 16—adults, 28; infants, 38. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$90.

## Clarke County.

### *Christ Church, Millwood, Frederick Parish.*

THE REV. J. F. HOFF, Rector.

Communicants—added, 3; total, 63. Baptisms—infants, white 7; total, 7. Confirmations, 5. Marriages, 3. Funerals, 5. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$600.

*Wickliffe Parish.*

THE REV. JOSHUA PETERKIN, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 93 ; added, 8 ; died, 1 ; removed, 7 ; withdrawn, 3 ; present number, including 3 colored persons, 90. Baptisms—adults, white 2 ; infants, white 7 ; total, 9. Confirmed, 4. Marriages—white 9, colored 2 ; total, 11. Funerals, 16. Contributions, \$543 49.

The above report includes two infant Baptisms by Bishop Meade ; three marriages and two funerals by the late rector, the Rev. Richard H. Wilmer ; and two marriages and three funerals by the Rev. William D. Hanson, who had charge of the parish for some weeks during last summer.

The present rector entered upon his duties the first week in September, 1849. He officiates regularly at two churches, viz : (Grace Church, Berryville, and Wickliffe Church, about six miles distant,) both in Wickliffe Parish. He also extends his labors, whenever practicable, to Kable town, in Jefferson county, at which place he has a large and attentive congregation, though no church has yet been organized there.

*Culpepper County.*

*St. Stephen's Church, St. Mark's Parish.*

THE REV. JOHN COLE, Rector.

Communicants—added, 7 ; removed, 1 ; died, 5 ; total, 40. Baptisms—adults, white 3 ; infants, white 2 ; total, 5. Confirmations, 1. Marriages, 2 ; Funerals, 7. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$42 50.

A part of this congregation, during the past year, has erected a very neat and comfortable church edifice, at a cost of about \$1000. The larger part of this amount was raised in the parish, and in a part of it where, until within a short time, there has been scarcely any Episcopal preaching. The building, except the mere frame work, is entirely of lime, and besides that it is said to be very durable ; it presents a fine appearance.

It is to be hoped that this beginning of good things is the earnest of a rich harvest at no distant time to come.

The past year, though one of some increase in the way of additions to the Communion, has been one of severe trials in the way of deaths; yet we trust that even these trying dispensations will eventuate in good and redound to the glory of God.

*St. James's Church, St. Mark's Parish.*

THE REV. JOHN COLE, Rector.

Communicants—added, 2; removed, 1; died, 2; total, 29. Baptisms—infants, white 3; total 3. Confirmations, 6. Funerals, 4. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$113 34.

**Cumberland County.**

*Grace and St. James's Churches, Littleton Parish.*

THE REV. OLCOTT BULKLEY, Rector.

Communicants—added, 4; died, 1; total, 37. Baptisms—adults, white 1; total 1. Confirmations, 2. Marriages, 1. Funerals, 4. Number of families, 22—adults 51, infants 32. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$235.

**Dinwiddie County.**

*Bath Parish, Sapony and Calvary Churches.*

THE REV. W. E. WEBB, Rector.

Communicants—added, 10; removed, 3; died, 1; total, 41. Baptisms—infants, white 4, colored 2; total, 6. Confirmations, 5. Funerals, 23. Number of families, 26. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$95 32.



**Essex County.*****St. Anne's Parish.***

THE REV. JOHN P. MCGUIRE, Rector.

Communicants—white, 23; colored, 1; total, 24. Baptisms—infants, white, 3; total 3. Funerals, 1.

The parish church is undergoing a thorough repair.

***South Farnham Parish.***

THE REV. JOHN P. MCGUIRE, Rector.

Communicants—added, 1; died, 1; total, 38. Baptisms—adults, 2; infants, white, 5; colored, 3; total, 10. Marriages, 1. Funerals, 1.

A new church, suited to the wants and means of the congregation, has been erected during the year, and is now ready for consecration.

The cost of church building and repairs in the two parishes amounts to between \$3,500 and \$4,000; and the sum collected for the different institutions of the Church to about \$240.

The Bible classes and Sunday schools are still in operation.

The Rev. H. W. L. Temple continues his useful labors, as Assistant Minister of South Farnham Parish.

**Fairfax County.*****Zion Church.***

THE REV. WM. F. LOCKWOOD, Rector.

Communicants—died, 1; total, 21. Baptisms—adults, white, 2; infants, white, 3; total, 5. Confirmations, (7 anxious to be confirmed.) Marriages, 2. Funerals, 3. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$600—paid on the debt of the church.

***Fall's Church.***

THE REV. WM. F. LOCKWOOD, Rector.

Communicants—died, 2; total, 11. Marriages, 1. Funerals, 4.

## Fauquier County.

*St. James's Church, Warrenton, Hamilton Parish.*

THE REV. GEORGE H. NORTON, Rector.

Communicants—added, 8, 2 by removal; removed, 4; died, 3; total, 47. Baptisms—adults, white, 1; infants, white, 9; total, 10. Confirmations, 5. Marriages, 4. Funerals, 6. Number of families, 30. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$200.

*St. Stephen's Church.*

THE REV. GEORGE H. NORTON, Rector.

Communicants—added, 2; total 11. Baptisms, 3. Confirmations, 1. Funerals, 1. Number of families, 12. Amount collected for different institutions of the Church, \$50.

*Leeds Parish.*

THE REV. W. H. PENDLETON, Rector.

Communicants—added, 7; removed, 9; died, 1; total, 32. Baptisms—adults, 1; infants, 5; total, 6. Confirmations, 8. Marriages, 2. Funerals, 4. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$411 64.

It may be proper to remark, that the removals reported above are not those of communicants, whose residences are changed, but of communicants removed since the last report from the charge of the Rector of Leeds, by a division of the parish.

The rector has, since the 1st of August last, preached one Sunday in each month at Front Royal, Warren county, where there are 10 communicants, and where, we hope, a church will soon be erected and a parish formed; he has also officiated regularly, once a month in the afternoon, at Farrowaville, in Fauquier, in addition to the usual labors of Leeds Parish.

*Trinity and Emmanuel Churches, Fauquier and Loudoun counties,  
Meade Parish.*

THE REV. RICHARD H. WILMER, Rector.

Communicants—added, 1; removed, 5; died, 1; total, 35. Baptisms—infants, white 1; total, 1. Funerals, 1. Number of families, 24—adults 57, infants 68. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$30.

The Rector has been connected with this parish but a few months.

*Fluvanna County.*

*Rivanna Parish.*

Rectorship vacant.

Communicants—added, 2; removed, 2; total, 19. Baptisms—adults, white 2; infants, white 1; total, 3. Confirmations, 1.

*Frederick County.*

*Christ Church, Winchester.*

THE REV. C. WALKER, Rector.

Communicants—added, 10; removed, 8; total, 84. Baptisms—adults, colored 1; infants, white 11, colored 2; total, 14. Confirmations, 6. Marriages, 9. Funerals, 4. Number of families, 56—adults 165, infants 110. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$515.

*St. Thomas' Church.*

THE REV. WM. N. IRISH, Rector.

Communicants—removed, 1; total, 17. Baptisms—infants, white 1. Number of families 6. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$42 61.

**Gloucester County.***Abingdon and Ware Parishes.***THE REV. CHARLES MANN, Rector.**

Communicants—added, 3; removed, 1; died, 1; total, 48. Baptisms—infants, white, 11; colored, 1; total, 12. Confirmations, 4. Marriages, 1. Funerals, 1. Number of families, 35—adults, 100; infants, 78. Amount collected for different institutions of the Church, \$219.

**Goodland County.***St. James, Northam Parish, St. Paul's and Beaverdam Churches.***THE REV. FRANCIS M. WHITTLE, Rector.**

Communicants—added, 3, 2 from other cures; removed 2; total, 39. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$166.

The above report embraces only the period since 1st October last, at which time I assumed the rectorship of the parish.

**Greenville County.***Meherrin Parish.***THE REV. WM. D. HANSON, Rector.**

Communicants—added, 3, colored; removed, 2; died, 2; total, 17 white, and 9 colored. Baptisms—infants, white, 1; colored 9. Confirmations, 1 white, 5 colored. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$133 80½.

The present rector entered upon his duties in October last.

**Halifax County.***Antrim Parish.***THE REV. J. GRAMMER, Rector.**

Communicants—white, added, 2; discontinued, 1; removed in the parish, 1; total, 65; colored, 17; total, 82. Baptisms—infants, white 3. Marriages—white 1, colored 2; total, 3. Funerals—white 3, colored 4; total, 7. Number of families, 42. Amount collected for institutions connected with the Church, \$951 83½; for Virginia Bible Society, \$60 62½; for Colonization Society, \$37 50; total, \$1,049 95.

*Roanoke Parish.*

THE REV. JOHN T. CLARK, Rector.

Communicants—added, 1; died, 1; total, 18. Baptisms—infants, white 1. Marriages, 4. Funerals, 3. Number of families, 10. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$500.

*Hanover County.**St. Martin's Parish.*

THE REV. WM. V. BOWERS, Rector.

Communicants—added, 10, 3 from other cures; removed, 3; died, 3; total, 64. Baptisms—infants, white 9, colored 1; total, 10. Marriages, 5. Funerals, 4. Number of families, 44—adults 120, children about 100. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$180; Sunday Schools, \$2.

*Henry County.**Christ Church.*

THE REV. ANDERSON WADE, Rector.

Communicants—added, 3; removed, 1; died, 1; total, 12. Baptisms—adults, white 1. Confirmations, 2. Funerals, 2.

*Isle of Wight County.**Newport Parish, Christ Church, Smithfield.*

THE REV. JOHN C. McCABE, Rector.

Communicants—added, 1 colored; removed, 2; died, 2; suspended, 1; total, 31. Baptisms—infants, white 2, colored 3; total, 5. Confirmations, 1 colored. Marriages, 2. Funerals, 3. Number of families, 21—adults 48, infants 34. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$65 86; Convention Fund, \$31; total, \$96 86.

### Jefferson County.

#### *Zion Church, St. Andrew's Parish, Charlestown.*

Rectorship vacant.\*

Communicants—added, 10; removed, 5; died, 4; total, 75. Baptisms—adults, white 4; infants, white 14, colored 3; total, 21. Marriages, 5. Funerals, 8. Number of families, 80. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$150.

#### *Trinity Church, Shepherdstown.*

THE REV. C. W. ANDREWS, Rector.

Communicants—added, 3; removed, 3; died, 2; suspended, 2; total, 60. Baptisms—infants, white 5. Confirmations, 3. Marriages, 4. Funerals, 3. Number of families, 40. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church about \$250.

#### *St. John's Church, Harper's Ferry.*

THE REV. WM. N. IRISH, Rector.

Communicants—added, 9; removed, 3; total, 12. Baptisms—adults, white 1; infants, white 7, colored 2; total, 10. Confirmations, 7. Marriages, 1. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$17 03.

This parish was organized in March, 1849, and supplied by the members of the Convocation of the Valley of Virginia, until the first of August last, at which time the present incumbent was called to the Rectorship.

The above report, therefore, is only for the time since the parish has been supplied by the present Rector. The foundation for a church has been laid, and arrangements are now in progress for the early completion of the building.

We have an interesting Sunday school of about fifty children, who are regularly catechised by the Rector, and under the instruction of a superintendent and several teachers.

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\* Rev. D. A. Tyng has accepted a call to this Church.

**Kanawha County.***St. Mark's Church, Coalsmouth.*

THE REV. F. B. NASH, Rector.

Communicants—added, by removal, 1; removed, 7; suspended 1; total,  
 14. Baptisms—infants, white, 2; total, 2. Funerals, 3.

**King George County.***St. Paul's Church and Parish.*

Rectorship Vacant.

Communicants—added, 2; died, 1; removed, 1; total, 23. Funerals, 10.  
 There has been no rector in this Church for nearly two years. During  
 this long interval, very valuable services have been rendered to the parish,  
 as opportunity would permit him, by the Rev. Wm. Friend.

Funds collected this year for the different institutions of the Church, \$50.

*St. John's Church.*

THE REV. WM. FRIEND, Rector.

Communicants—total, 12. Marriages, 1. Funerals, 4.

**Lancaster County.***Christ Church Parish.*

THE REV. R. S. NASH, Rector.

Communicants—added, 2; died, 1; total, 27. Baptisms—white, 3.  
 Confirmations, 2. Marriages, 1. Funerals, 1. Amount collected for  
 the different institutions of the Church, \$32 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

The present incumbent took charge of the parish in October last, and the  
 above report is, of course, only for the intervening time.

**Lewis County.***St. Paul's Church, Weston.*

THE REV. S. D. TOMPKINS, Rector.

Communicants—added, 2; died, 1; total, 22. Baptisms—adults, white,  
 1; total, 1. Marriages, 1. Funerals, 3. Number of families, 16—adults,

20; infants, 50. I have collected nothing, except about \$350, to aid in the completion of our church here,—and this amount was collected abroad.

I preached in Clarksburg, Harrison county, and in Buchanan in this county.

Our church is finished, except plastering, pulpit, and seats.

We hope to have it ready for consecration during the summer.

### **Louisa County.**

*St. John's Church.*

THE REV. E. BOYDEN, Rector.

Communicants—added, 2; total, 11. Baptisms—infants, white 3. Number of families, 8. Amount collected for benevolent objects, about \$50.

### *Trinity Parish.*

THE REV. JOHN COOKE, Officiating Minister.

Communicants—added, 1; transferred, 1; total, 3. Marriages 4. Funerals, 4.

There are other communicants scattered about this parish, but having no regular places for public worship, or convenience for administering the Lord's Supper, they commune with other ministers, and are reported with their communicants.

I have no means of ascertaining the number of families preferring the Episcopal Church, but suppose them to be about 20.

### **Loudoun County.**

*St. James's Church, Leesburg.*

THE REV. GEORGE ADIE, Rector.

Communicants—added 1; removed, 5; died, 3; total, 80—white 78, colored 2. Baptisms—adults, white, 1; infants, white 3, colored 2; total, 6. Marriages, 7. Funerals, 5. Number of families, 65. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, including enlargement and repairs of the church building, about \$2,400.



**Lunenburg County.***Cumberland Parish, St. John's and St. Paul's Churches.***THE REV. THOMAS E. LOCKE, Rector.**

Communicants—added, 1, from another cure; died, 1; total, 46. Baptisms—infants, white, 6; total, 6. Funerals, 9. Number of families, 24—adults, 69; infants, 67. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$80.

**Lynchburg, Campbell County.***St. Paul's Church.***THE REV. WM. H. KINCKLE, Rector.**

Communicants—added, 24, of whom 10 were from other parishes; ordained 1, (Rev. Edmund Richards,) removed, 4; died, 1; present number, 129, of whom 2 are colored. Baptisms—adults, white, 2; infants, white 20, colored 4; total, 26. Confirmations, 12. Marriages, 11, of which 3 were of colored persons. Funerals, 9. Contributions—Communion dues, about \$200; Foreign Missions, \$73 88; Domestic, \$54 36; Diocesan, \$27; Education Society, \$122; Contingent Fund, \$127; Miscellaneous, about \$120; total, \$724 24.

**Madison County.***Bloomfield Parish, Piedmont Church.***THE REV. J. EARNEST, Rector.**

Communicants, 23. Marriages, 2. Number of families, 15. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$6.

**Marshall County.***Trinity Parish.***WILLIAM LYTTLETON HYLAND, Deacon.**

This parish was duly organized on Easter Monday, 1850, and will apply to be received into union with the Diocese at this Convention.

There are at present 10 communicants (white) on the register.

The Sacrament of Baptism has been administered to 1 adult and 1 infant, since the subscriber took the charge in October, 1849.

**Mathew's County.***Christ Church, Kingston Parish.*

THE REV. G. S. CARRAWAY, Rector.

Communicants, 6. Baptisms—white, 1. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$19 59.

**Mecklenburg County.***St. James's Parish.*

THE REV. F. H. MCGUIRE, Rector.

Communicants—removed, 3; total, 60. Baptisms—infants, white, 3. Marriages, 3. Funerals, 4.

*St. Luke's Parish.*

THE REV. R. D. BROOKE, Rector.

Communicants, 16. Baptisms—infants, white 2, colored 25; total, 27. Marriages, 2. Number of families, 7. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$17 00.

A church has been erected in Clarkesville, and is now ready for consecration.

**Middlesex County.***Christ Church.*

THE REV. G. S. CARRAWAY Rector.

Communicants, 8. Baptisms—infants, white 1. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$64.

**Pansemound County.***St. Paul's Church, Suffolk, and St. John's Church, Chuckatuck.*

THE REV. CHARLES H. DISBROW, Rector.

Communicants—added, 4; removed, 4; total, 40. Baptisms—adults, white, 2; infants, white, 2; total, 4. Confirmations, 6. Marriages, 2. Funerals, 35. Number of families, 40. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$150.

**Nelson County.***Nelson Parish.*

THE REV. F. D. GOODWIN, Rector.

Communicants—added, 1; total 25. Baptisms—infants, white, 1; total, 1. Funerals, 4. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$195.

*Rockfish Church.*

Communicants—died, 1; suspended, 1; total, 7. Baptisms—infants, white, 1. Funerals, 1. Number of families, 9. Amount collected for repairs of the Church, \$40.

**Norfolk County.***City of Norfolk—Christ Church.*

THE REV. GEO. D. CUMMINS, Rector.

Communicants—added, 28; removed, 18; died, 7; total, 347. Baptisms—adults, white 4; infants, white, 35; total, 39. Confirmations, 17. Marriages, 6. Funerals, 20. Number of families, 165. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$3,426 32.

*City of Norfolk—St. Paul's Church.*

THE REV. WM. M. JACKSON Rector.

Communicants—added, 14; died, 2; total, 177. Baptisms—adults, white, 2; infants, white, 9; total, 11. Confirmations, 11. Marriages, 1. Funerals, 4. Number of families, 105. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$514.

This report commences on the 1st of November, 1849.

*City of Norfolk—City Mission.*

ROBERT M. MITCHESON, City Missionary.

On the first day of the present year I commenced my labors in Norfolk as a City Missionary, and have been acting in that capacity ever since. A large number of destitute families in the city and vicinity have been visited,

and relief, both temporal and spiritual, administered whenever required.—“The poor have the gospel preached to them,” and consequently feel that the benefits of salvation are not by any means to be enjoyed by only *one* class of the community, but by *all*—that the Church to which we have the privilege of belonging is ready to embrace within her sacred fold every description of persons for whom the Saviour died, rich and poor, bond and free.

A weekly service has been regularly held at the Alms-house and Orphan Asylum. Bibles, Prayer Books and Tracts have been distributed in every direction. Twenty-eight children have been baptized. The service for the burial of the dead performed over three, and the Missionary has been enabled to assist the two Rectors of the place by reading Prayers for them thirty-five times, and preaching occasionally.

*Portsmouth—Trinity Church, Portsmouth Parish.*

THE REV. JOHN H. WINGFIELD, Rector.

Communicants—added, 3; removed, 4; died, 4; suspended, 1; total, 56. Baptisms—adults, white 2, colored 1; infants, white 15, colored 1; total, 19. Confirmations, 1. Marriages, 1. Funerals, 14. Number of families, 50—adults 136, infants 100. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$135.

Whole number of communicants in this parish since the present Rector had charge, 323; Baptisms, 559; Confirmations, 291; Marriages, 186; Funerals, 464.

*Portsmouth—St. John's Church.\**

The congregation of this church, though still worshipping at St. Paul's Church, Norfolk, and under the pastoral care of the rector of that church, have just completed their church edifice, of brick, forty-seven feet by seventy, containing sixty pews on the first floor, and can conveniently seat three hundred and sixty persons,—they expect the services of a rector next month. Their contributions to the contingent fund of this Diocese have been included in the returns from St. Paul's.

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\* The Rev. James Chisholm has accepted the Rectorship of this church.

**Northampton County.***Hungars Parish.*

THE REV. JOHN UFFORD, Rector.

Communicants, 50. Baptisms—infants, white, 7; colored, 4; total, 11.

**Old Point Comfort.***Centurion Church.*

THE REV. MARK L. CHEYERS, Rector.

Communicants—added, 3; removed, 5; total, 15. Baptisms—infants, white, 22; total, 22. Marriages, 2. Funerals, 7. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$68.

Our Sunday School is in successful operation.

A service is held on Sunday nights for the colored residents of the post, which is usually well attended; and I trust from the marked attention of many, we have reason to "thank God and take courage," in preaching the Gospel to this portion of my charge.

**Orange County.***St. Thomas' Church.*

THE REV. J. EARNEST, Rector.

Communicants—added, 3; removed, 2; died, 7; total, 62. Baptisms—adults, white 2; infants, white 4; total 6. Confirmations, 2. Marriages, 2. Funerals, 11. Number of families, 38. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$145 16.

## Petersburg.

### *St. Paul's Church.*

#### THE REV. HORACE STRINGFELLOW, Rector.

Communicants—added, 6; removed, 8; died, 3; total, 163. Baptisms—adults, white 1; infants, white 17; total, 18. Marriages, 7. Funerals 10. Number of families, 100. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$1300; Convention fund \$168.

### *Grace Church.*

#### THE REV. CHURCHILL J. GIBSON, Rector.

Communicants—added, 17; removed, 4; died, 2; suspended, 4; total, 101. Baptisms—adults, white 4; infants, white 34, colored 17; total, 55. Confirmations—the Bishop made no visit. Marriages, 36. Funerals, 58. Number of families, 80. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$233 25.

This congregation has also commenced the erection of a new church—the foundations of which are now laid—larger than their present building and more conveniently located. The lot was generously given them by R. B. Bolling, Esq., and the estimated cost of the building, which is to be of brick, \$3,500.

The seats in Grace Church being *entirely free*, the Rector has adopted the plan of *weekly offerings* for the support of the minister and other expenses. It was adopted about a year ago, and has thus far worked remarkably well.

He trusts God's blessing is still resting upon this effort to preach the gospel to the poor, though there is not much that is encouraging in the spiritual condition of his flock.

## Pittsylvania County.

### *Camden Parish.*

#### THE REV. GEORGE W. DAME, Rector.

Communicants—added, 3; removed, 5; died, 2; total, 39. Baptisms—adults, white, 1; infants, white, 7; total, 8. Marriages, 3. Funerals, 3. Number of families, 33—adults 88, infants 59. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$19 60.

## Powhatan County.

*St. Luke's and Emmanuel Churches, St. James Southam Parish.*

THE REV. ANDREW FISHER, Rector.

Communicants—added, 4; removed, 3; died, 1; total, 27. Baptisms—adults, white, 1; infants, white, 1; total, 2. Confirmations, 1. Marriages, 1. Funerals, 5. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$120.

## Prince William County.

*St. Paul's Church, Haymarket, Leeds Parish.*

THE REV. JOHN TOWLES, Rector.

Communicants—added, 5; removed, 3; died, 2; total, 33. Baptisms—infants, white, 2; total, 2. Confirmations, 1. Funerals, 2.

*St. James' Church, Brentsville, Dettingen Parish.*

THE REV. JOHN TOWLES, Rector.

Communicants—added, 4; removed, 2; died, 1; total, 19. Baptisms—adults, white, 1; infants, white, 4; total, 5. Confirmations, 4. Marriages, 4. Funerals, 4.

## Prince George County.

*Martin's Brandon Parish.*

THE REV. CHARLES MINNIGERODE, Rector.

Communicants—added, 16; removed, 4; total, 56, including 2 colored communicants. Baptisms—adults, colored, 1; infants, white, 6; total, 7. Confirmations, 12. Marriages, 1. Funerals, 4. Number of families, 54—adults 131, infants about 100. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$365 39.

A portion of the contribution to the Bible Society has not been ascertained, and is not reported.

## Petersburg.

### St. Paul's Church.

THE REV. HORACE STRINGFELLOW, Rector.

Communicants—added, 6; removed, 8; died, 3; total, 18—adults, white 1; infants, white 17; total, 18. Marriages, 10. Number of families, 100. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$1300; Convention fund \$168.

### Grace Church.

THE REV. CHURCHILL J. GIBSON, Rector.

Communicants—added, 17; removed, 4; died, 2; suspended, 101. Baptisms—adults, white 4; infants, white 34, colored 1. Confirmations—the Bishop made no visit. Marriages, 36. Number of families, 80. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$233 25.

This congregation has also commenced the erection of a new church, the foundations of which are now laid—larger than their present one and more conveniently located. The lot was generously given by B. Bolling, Esq., and the estimated cost of the building, with brick, \$3,500.

The seats in Grace Church being *entirely free*, the Rector has adopted the plan of *weekly offerings* for the support of the minister's expenses. It was adopted about a year ago, and has thus far worked very ably well.

He trusts God's blessing is still resting upon this effort to bring the gospel to the poor, though there is not much that is encouraging in the spiritual condition of his flock.

## Pittsylvania County.

### Camden Parish.

THE REV. GEORGE W. DAME, Rector.

Communicants—added, 3; removed, 5; died, 2; total, 8—adults, white, 1; infants, white, 7; total, 8. Marriages, 1. Number of families, 33—adults 88, infants 59. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$19 60.



*St. John's Church, City Point.*

THE REV. N. A. OBERSON, Rector.

Communicants—added, 2; removed, 1; died, 1; total, 14. Baptisms—infants, white, 2; colored, 4; total, 6. Marriages, 5. Funerals, 16.

**Princess Anne County.***Lynhaven Parish.*

THE REV. LEWIS WALKER, Rector.

Communicants—died 1; total, 26. Baptisms—adults, colored 1; infants, colored 1; total, 2. Funerals, 2. Amount collected for Bishop's fund, \$28.

**Putnam County.***St. Paul's Parish, Winfield.*

THE REV. F. B. NASH, Rector.

Communicants, 11. Marriages, 1. Funerals, 1. White Communicants, 11.

A petition has been forwarded from the above mentioned parish to the Convention, in accordance with the directions of the canon for an organization in connexion with the diocese of Virginia. If the petition is not granted, of course the above report will not be received as a report.

Inclosed I send \$7, being the contribution of St. Mark's Church, Coalsmouth, to the Episcopal fund for 1850. I will be obliged if you will hand it to the treasurer of the diocese. I wish I had more to send, but it is all I have been able to collect.

*St. John's Church.*

THE REV. F. B. NASH, Rector.

Communicants—added, 1; removed, 3; total, 8. Baptisms—adults, white 1; total, 1. Marriages, 1. Funerals, 1.

## Rappahannock County.

### *Bloomfield Parish.*

THE REV. CHARLES H. SHEILD, Rector.

Communicants, 3. Families, 15.

The present Rector took charge of this parish in October last; there having been no minister preceding him. A house of worship is now being erected at Woodville, and hopes are entertained of establishing the Church upon a permanent foundation.

## Richmond City.

### *St. Paul's Church.*

THE REV. ALEXANDER JONES, Rector.

Communicants—added, 21; removed, 5; died, 2; whole number white 209, colored 4; total, 213. Baptisms—adults 3; infants, white 19; total, 22. Confirmations, 11. Marriages, 7. Funerals, 12. Number of families, 130. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$3,226 38.

For convenience of insertion in the Journal of the Convention, this report includes a statistical statement received from the former Rector, Rev. Wm. Norwood. The present Rector took charge of the congregation in December last, by whom he was received with much kindness and liberality.

### *Monumental Church.*

THE REV. GEORGE WOODBRIDGE, Rector.

Communicants—added, 16; withdrawn, 2; died, 3; removed, 12; total, 151. Baptisms—adult 1, infants 29; total, 30. Funerals, 26. Marriages, 12. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church about \$770 78.

*St. James's Church.*

THE REV. A. EMPIE, Rector.

Communicants—added, 15; removed, 29; died, 2; total, 132, of which 6 are colored. Baptisms—adults, white 3; infants, white 8; total 11. For confirmation 8 are ready. Marriages, 4. Funerals, 4. Number of families, 84—adults 260, infants 150. Amount collected for the different institutions, &c., of the Church, \$709.

*St. John's Church, Henrico Parish.*

THE REV. H. S. KEFFLER, Rector.

Communicants—added, 4; removed, 3; died, 3; total, white 52, colored 1. Baptisms—infants, white, 10; total, 10. Funerals, 14. Number of families, 50—adults 115, infants 70. Sunday School—4 male, 8 female teachers; 76 scholars; average attendance 65. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$475 87, viz:

Repairs of Church and Sunday School room,	\$300 00
For Missions,	50 00
Theological Seminary,	28 00
Communion Alms,	45 87
Convention Fund,	52 00
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	\$475 87

*Armory Church.*

L. P. CLOVER, Lay Reader.

This interesting Missionary station, where the late Rev. William Duval labored most indefatigably, is now, and has been since November last, in charge of L. P. Clover, acting in the capacity of lay reader. Services have been held by Mr. Clover every Sunday from the time above stated, and there is reason to hope, that by the grace of God, much good has been accomplished.

The Sunday School attached to this station is in a very flourishing condition, being in charge of an efficient superintendent, who is aided by an able and devoted body of teachers.

**Richmond County.***Lunenburg Parish.*

THE REV. WILLIAM N. WARD, Rector.

Communicants—added, 3, 2 from another parish; removed, 2; died, 2; total, 18. Baptisms—infants, white, 1. Confirmations, 1. Marriages—4 white, 2 colored; total, 6. Funerals, 3. Number of families, 9—adults 28, infants 18. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$21 62½.

*Farnham Parish.*

THE REV. WILLIAM N. WARD, Rector.

Communicants—removed, 2; died, 1; total, 10. Baptisms—infants, white 2. Funerals, 2. Number of families, 9—adults 18, infants 18. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$16 39.

These parishes, under the Providence of God, have been greatly afflicted during the past two years by removals and deaths. The places thus vacated have been filled by families in communion with other denominations; and every family within the sphere of the rector's labors is intimately identified with some religious communion. There is little or no material to operate on. No hope is entertained of either a large or speedy improvement. The only source of rejoicing or encouragement will be in the occasional recovery of a lost sheep.

**Rockbridge County.***Latimer Parish, Lexington.*

THE REV. ROBERT NELSON, Rector.

Communicants—added, 5; removed, 1; total, 35. Baptisms—adults, white, 1; infants, white, 5; total, 6. Confirmations, 7. Marriages, 1. Funerals, 5. Number of families, 15—adults 48, infants 51.

## Spottsylvania County.

*St. George's Church, Fredericksburg.*

THE REV. EDWARD C. MCGUIRE, Rector.

Communicants—added, 20; removed, 8; died, 6; total, 160. Baptisms—adults, white 2; infants, white 8; total, 10. Confirmations, 13. Marriages, 4. Funerals, 12. Number of families, 110. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$1,500.

## *St. John's Church, Berkley Parish.*

THE REV. D. M. WHARTON, Rector.

Communicants—removed, 3; total, 11. Baptisms—infants, 2. Funerals, 2. Number of families, 6—adults 20, children about 12. Amount collected for different institutions connected with the Church, \$20.

There are four persons who are considered as members of this Church, but living without the parish, are not included in this report.

## *Christ Church, Berkley Parish.*

THE REV. D. M. WHARTON, Rector.

Communicants—died, 1; white, 16; colored, 2; total, 18. Baptisms—infants, 1. Funerals, 2. Number of families, 7—adults from 20 to 25; infants 10. Amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, \$8 21.

## Westmoreland County.

*Washington Parish, St. Peter's Church.*

THE REV. WILLIAM MCGUIRE, Rector.

Communicants—added, 3; died, 1; total, 12. Baptisms—infants, white 3; total, 3. Confirmations, 3. Marriages, 4. Funerals, 2. Number of families, 14—adults 45, infants 25. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$38 05.

A new and commodious brick church has been consecrated in this parish by Bishop Johns since the last Convention.

*Montross Parish, St. James's Church.*

THE REV. WILLIAM MCGUIRE, Rector.

Communicants—removed, 3; total, 8. Baptisms—infants, white 3; total, 3. Confirmations, 1. Number of families, 7—adults 15, infants 13. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$25 49.

A new and spacious frame church has been completed in this parish since the last meeting of the Convention, and was consecrated by Bishop Johns in April last.

*Cople Parish.*

THE REV. THEODORE S. RUMNEY, Rector.

Communicants—added, 5, 1 from another parish; total, 20. Baptisms—adults 1. Confirmations, 3. Marriages, 2, Funerals, 10. Number of families, 17—adults 54, infants 36. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$30 16.

*Wheeling, Ohio County.**St. Matthew's Church.*

THE REV. WILLIAM ARMSTRONG, Rector.

Since the last Convention that portion of St. Matthew's Parish, south of Wheeling creek, has been formed into a separate parish, and will ask of this Convention to be so received and acknowledged. In this new parish a church building has been erected, and the services of an efficient pastor are now being enjoyed. In presenting this evidence to the Convention, of the extension of our Zion in this portion of the Diocese, the Rector of St. Matthew's cannot refrain from an expression of thankfulness to Almighty God for what has thus been accomplished, and invoking His Divine blessing upon this infant parish, and upon him to whose charge it has been committed.

The Parish of St. Matthew's has suffered no detriment by this arrangement. The seats vacated by individuals residing within the limits of the new parish have been occupied by others. The rector deems it incumbent upon him to say, that the secular affairs of the parish were never in

so good a condition, and that no minister could desire better or more satisfactory evidence of the confidence and affection of his people than that of which he himself has been, and still continues to be, the recipient.

Communicants—transferred to St. John's, 35; removed, 3; died, 2; suspended, 1; present number of communicants, white 86, colored 3; total 89. Baptisms—adults, 5; infants, 10; total, 15. Deaths—adults, 4; infants, 4; total, 8. Marriages, 4.

*St. John's Church, South Wheeling.*

THE REV. JAMES D. McCABE, Rector.

Communicants—added, 2; total, 33. Baptisms—infants, white 3; total 3; Funerals, 1. Number of families, 19—adults 48, infants 40. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$35—for Grave Creek Mission.

**Williamsburg, James City County.**

*Bruton Parish.*

THE REV. SILAS TOTTEN, Rector—in temporary charge.

Communicants—added, 21; removed, 4; died, 1; total, 80. Baptisms—adults, white 2; infants, white 11, colored 3; total, 16. Confirmations, 9. Marriages, 2, Funerals, 5. Number of families, 40. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$148 76.

**Wood County.**

*Trinity Parish, Parkersburg.*

THE REV. E. T. PERKINS, Rector.

Communicants—added, 6; died, 3; total, 36. Baptisms—infants, white 4; total, 4. Marriages, 5. Funerals, 7. Number of families, 34—adults 66, infants 63. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$51 95.

We have just completed a handsome church edifice in Parkersburg, and have another nearly completed 16 miles below this, on the Ohio, where I occasionally preach, and are about commencing a third twenty miles above this, where I officiate once a month.

## York County.

*Grace Church, York Hampton Parish, Yorktown.*

THE REV. EDMUND WITHERS, Rector.

Communicants—added, white 3; total, white 8. Baptisms—infants, colored, 3; total, 3. Confirmation, 1. Funerals, 5. Number of families, 7—adults 20, infants 17.

At the Eastern Lunatic Asylum in Williamsburg I officiate every Sunday, to an attentive audience of about a hundred, most of whom appreciate religious services.

### REPORT OF REV. GEORGE A. SMITH.

Rev. George A. Smith reports, that being unable from weakness of voice to discharge the duties of the parochial ministry, he is engaged in the editorship of the Southern Churchman. It is his design to devote himself entirely and permanently to this duty, should the support given to the paper authorise him to do so.

During the last year he has preached occasionally, baptised two infants in circumstances to require private baptism, and celebrated one marriage.

### REPORT OF REV. E. R. LIPPITT.

Having no parochial charge, I have assisted the clergy in my neighborhood, whenever my services have been required.

My official acts (not included in the reports of others) are: Baptisms—infants, white, 3. Funerals, 3.



## Amherst County.

*Elk Union and Buffalo Springs.*

THE REV. EDMUND CHRISTIAN, Rector.

Since the last Convention the rector has officiated, in addition to the above places, at the Poor House, and at a place called Sardis, belonging to the Methodists.

He also held services for several months in New Glasgow and at the Court House, previous to Mr. Caldwell's entrance into the parish. During which time 3 communicants were added to St. Luke's Church, in New Glasgow, and 1 baptism performed; total number of baptisms 5, all white, 1 adult. Marriages, 3. Funerals, 2.

REPORT OF REV. D. FRANCIS SPRIGG.

I have been assisting the Rev. Dr. Johns of Christ Church, Baltimore, since my resignation of Meherrin Parish.

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NOTE—*The Clergy and Vestries are requested to note and comply with the following resolutions:*

*Resolved*, That every report which is not drawn up according to the form prescribed in the Journal, shall be returned to the rector or lay delegate for correction; and if handed in the second time uncorrected, shall be excluded from the Journal. (Passed 1845.)

*Resolved*, That, in order to facilitate the labors of the Finance Committee, it shall be the duty of the rector of every church within the Diocese, or of the wardens in case there be no rector, to furnish to the secretary of the Convention, on the first day of its session, a statement in writing, showing the number of white communicants belonging to such church; and, if said Church shall have been reported delinquent as to the contingent fund at the last previous Convention, showing, also, whether the same has been or will probably be paid, and containing any explanations in rela-

tion thereto, which statements so made shall be delivered by the secretary to the Finance Committee.

When the rector of any church, or a lay delegate, shall not attend the meeting of Convention, it shall be the duty of the rector, or, if there be none, of the church wardens, to send a statement as aforesaid, addressed to the Secretary at the place for the meeting of said Convention, so as to reach such place by the first day of the session.—Any postage paid by the secretary, to be refunded to him out of the contingent fund.

On the morning of the second day of the Convention, the Secretary shall call the roll of the Parishes, in order to receive such reports as shall not have been delivered to him.

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer address a circular to all the delinquent Parishes, stating the amount in arrear from each, and requesting that it shall be paid over to him, and also that the Rector be requested to read to his respective congregations the Treasurer's circular. (Passed May, 1847.)



Leeds Parish, Fauquier County.....	7	9	1	32	1	5	6	9	2	4	411 64
Lexington Parish, Amherst County.....	5	2	3	35	3	3	1	5	2	2	150 00
Lynnhaven Parish, Princess Anne.....	.....	.....	1	36	1	.....	1	2	.....	2	28 00
Lytleton Parish, Grace and St. James' Churches.....	4	.....	1	37	1	.....	1	2	.....	4	235 00
McCherrin Parish, Greensville County.....	3	2	2	26	1	.....	9	10	1	2	133 80
Martin's Brandon, Prince George County.....	16	4	.....	56	6	1	.....	7	12	.....	405 39
Montross Parish, St. James' Church, Westmoreland.....	3	.....	8	.....	2	.....	.....	3	1	4	95 49
Moore Parish, St. Paul's Church, Lynnhaven.....	24	4	1	129	2	20	4	26	12	11	724 24
Meade Parish, Trinity and Emmanuel Churches.....	1	5	.....	35	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	30 00
Mcade Parish, Trinity and Emmanuel Churches.....	10	4	1	65	1	9	.....	10	10	.....	35 44
Norborne Parish, Berkeley County.....	4	2	2	35	1	9	.....	3	13	7	38 00
"        "        Christ Church.....	1	2	2	31	.....	2	.....	3	5	1	65 86
Newport Parish, Christ Church, Isle of Wight.....	3	2	.....	39	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	166 00
Norham Parish, St. James' & Beaver Dam Churches.....	1	.....	1	35	1	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	195 00
Nelson Parish, Nelson County.....	.....	.....	1	7	1	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	40 00
"        "        Rockfish Church.....	.....	.....	1	7	1	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	1 50
Portsmouth Parish, Trinity Church.....	3	4	1	4	56	2	15	1	19	1	14 50
Raleigh and Genito Parishes.....	2	.....	43	.....	2	2	.....	3	3	4	135 00
Rivanna Parish, Fluvanna County.....	2	.....	19	2	1	.....	.....	3	1	.....	185 00
Romoke Parish, Halifax County.....	1	.....	1	18	1	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....
Russell Parish and West Russell, Bedford County.....	3	4	.....	38	6	.....	.....	6	4	3	500 00
St. Luke's Church, Amherst County.....	.....	.....	29	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	.....	.....
St. James' Parish, Mecklenburg County.....	3	.....	60	.....	3	.....	.....	3	3	5	.....
St. James' Church, Brentsville.....	4	2	1	19	1	4	.....	5	4	4	.....
St. John's, King George.....	.....	.....	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
St. Peter's and Grace Churches, Caroline.....	3	10	45	.....	6	.....	.....	6	3	1	150 00
St. Matthew's Church, Wheeling.....	38	1	2	89	5	10	.....	15	.....	4	.....
St. John's Church.....	.....	.....	33	.....	3	.....	.....	3	.....	8	.....
St. Paul's, Suffolk, and St. John's, Cheekatuck.....	4	4	40	2	2	.....	.....	4	6	9	35 00
St. Thomas', Frederick County.....	.....	.....	17	.....	1	.....	.....	1	.....	2	150 00
St. Stephen's, Bedford.....	9	4	1	63	2	1	.....	1	.....	6	42 61
St. Thomas' Church, Orange County.....	3	2	7	62	2	4	.....	3	5	3	120 00
St. John's Church, Putnam County.....	1	3	.....	8	1	.....	.....	6	2	2	145 16
St. Paul's Church, Norfolk.....	14	.....	2	177	2	9	.....	11	11	1	.....
St. Martin's Parish, Hanover County.....	10	3	3	64	.....	9	.....	1	10	1	514 00
St. Stephen's Church, Fauquier County.....	2	.....	11	.....	3	.....	.....	3	1	5	180 00
St. Paul's Church, Weston, Lewis County.....	2	.....	1	23	1	.....	.....	1	.....	4	50 00
St. Mark's Parish, St. Stephen's Church, Culpepper.....	7	1	5	40	3	2	.....	5	1	1	.....
"        "        St. James'.....	2	1	2	29	3	.....	.....	3	6	2	43 50
St. John's Church, City Point.....	3	1	1	14	2	2	.....	3	4	5	113 34

St. Anne's Parish, Christ Church, Albemarle Co.	4	26	2	2	25	4	3	2	13	141 00							
St. Luke's Parish, Mecklenburg County	2	16	2	2	2	27	2	2	7	17 00							
Sappona Church, Chesterburg County	2	16	2	2	2	2	2	2	7	90 00							
St. John's Church, Jefferson County	9	12	1	7	2	10	7	1	16	17 03							
St. Mark's Church, Coatsmouth	1	14	2	2	2	2	2	3	11	18 00							
St. Paul's, Haymarket, Prince William	5	2	33	2	2	2	1	2	3	50 00							
St. Margaret's, Caroline County	1	1	2	32	2	2	1	1	50 00								
St. John's Church, Louisa County	2	11	3	3	5	5	1	5	120 00								
St. Luke's and Emmanuel Churches	4	1	27	1	1	2	1	1	65	2,400 00							
St. James' Church, Loudoun County	1	5	3	60	1	2	6	7	37	149 70							
St. Andrew's Parish, Brunswick	9	2	3	82	1	26	35	4	1	1,500 00							
St. Paul's Parish, Putnam County	20	11	11	2	1	10	13	1	12	1,500 00							
St. George's Church, Fredericksburg	4	6	160	2	8	3	1	5	17	26 00							
Tillotson Parish, St. Peter's Church	5	10	1	1	1	4	4	2	19	97 75							
Trinity Church, Marshall County	3	2	60	5	3	3	3	4	3	250 00							
" " Buchanan	3	1	30	3	1	4	1	2	90	50 00							
" " Shepherdstown	6	2	99	5	7	12	5	7	64	313 00							
" " Martinsburg	1	2	30	2	2	2	2	2	25	528 76							
" " Staunton	8	1	90	2	7	9	4	11	16	543 49							
Trinity Parish, Louisa County	3	1	12	3	3	3	3	2	3	600 00							
Washington Parish, St. Peter's, Westmoreland	1	21	1	1	1	1	1	1	7	150 00							
Walker's Parish, Albemarle County	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	500 00							
Westover Parish, Charles City	3	1	21	2	2	2	2	2	2	543 49							
Wickliffe Parish, Clarke County	8	1	21	2	3	3	3	3	3	600 00							
York-Hampton Parish, Grace Church	3	1	21	2	3	3	3	3	3	150 00							
Zion Church, Fairfax County	10	1	35	4	6	18	6	2	2	74 00							
" " Jefferson County	9	1	35	4	6	18	6	2	2	50 00							
Heber Parish, St. John's Church, Bedford County	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	650 00							
St. Paul's Church, King George County	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	27 00							
Lattimer Parish, Grace Church, Rockbridge County	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	219 00							
Christ Church, Charlottesville	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	51 95							
St. Paul's Church, &c., Hanover County	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	240 00							
Abington and Ware Parishes, Gloucester County	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	240 00							
Trinity Parish, Wood County	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	240 00							
St. Ann's Parish, Essex County	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	240 00							
South Farnham Parish, Essex County	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	240 00							
Christ Church, Henry County	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	240 00							
Parishes which have not reported, about 16.	530	5	328	17	134	5147	81	602	5	161	949	281	6	27	380	2373	\$29,030 16

## C.

## SYNOPSIS OF PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Communicants—added,	-	-	-	-	-	535
Removed,	-	-	-	-	-	328
Suspended,	-	-	-	-	-	17
Died,	-	-	-	-	-	134
Losses by removal, suspension, and death,	-	-	-	-	-	479
Net gain,	-	-	-	-	-	56
Total number of communicants in the parishes which have reported,	-	-	-	-	-	5,147
Number of communicants in parishes not reporting, about						200
Total,	-	-	-	-	-	5,347
Baptisms—adults, } white,	-	-	-	-	-	81
} colored,	-	-	-	-	-	5
Infants, } white,	-	-	-	-	-	602
} colored,	-	-	-	-	-	161
Total,	-	-	-	-	-	849
Confirmations,	-	-	-	-	-	287
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	275
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	580
Number of families,	-	-	-	-	-	2,373
Amount contributed to the different institutions and charities of the Church,	-	-	-	-	-	\$29,030 16

## D.

*The Diocesan Missionary Society of Virginia, in account with WILLIAM WILLIAMS, Treasurer.*

## DEBITS.

1849.					
May	22	To cash remitted Rev. W. F. Lockwood, 2nd qr.		\$50 00	
"	"	" " " A. B. Tizzard, 2nd qr.		25 00	
"	"	" " " N. A. Okeson, 1st qr.		25 00	
"	"	paid " W. Duvall, 1st qr.		75 00	
June	1	remitted " Robt. Nelson, 3d qr.		37 50	
"	"	" " " R. T. Brown, half,		62 50	
"	"	" " " Jas. D. McCabe, half,		75 00	
"	"	" " " Carter Page,		37 50	
"	26	paid " E. T. Perkins, 4th qr.		37 50	
July	9	" " for tracts,		8 41	
"	20	remitted Rev. G. S. Carraway, 4th qr.		37 50	
"	"	" " " S. D. Tompkins, 3d qr.		25 00	
"	"	" " " W. T. Lockwood, 3d qr.		50 00	
"	"	" " " A. B. Tizzard, 3d qr.		25 00	
"	"	" " " J. McElroy, 2nd qr.		37 50	
"	25	" " " R. D. Brooke,		50 00	
Aug.	31	" " " John C. McCabe, 2nd qr.		50 00	
"	"	paid draft " S. D. Tompkins in full,		25 00	
"	"	paid " W. Duvall, 2nd qr.		75 00	
"	"	Balance,		381 29	
					\$1,186 79

## CREDITS.

1849.					
May	14	By balance per acct. rend. Convention at Charlottesville,		\$392 73	
	16	By cash from Trinity Church, Bedford, by Rev. N. Sale,		3 90	
"	"	" " " Botetourt Parish, by Rev. G. T. Wilmer		21 00	
"	"	" " " Christ Church, Alexandria, by Rev. C. B. Dana,		35 75	
"	"	" " " Trinity Church, Buchanan, by Rev. J. McElroy,		10 00	
"	"	" " " Raleigh and Genito Parishes, by Rev. P. F. Berkley,		23 89	
"	"	" " " a Lady of St. Andrew's Church, Brunswick,		2 00	
"	"	" " " Mrs. Mary Baily, Antrim Parish, by Rev. John Grammer,		10 00	
"	"	" " " Mrs. E. A. Clark, do. do. do.		5 00	
"	"	" " " Col. Chs. B. Cabaniss, do. do. do.		2 00	
"	"	" " " Rev. John Grammer, do. do. do.		10 00	
Amount carried over,					\$516 27

## APPENDIX.

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1849.	Amount brought over,	\$516 27
May 16	By cash from Mrs. M. E. Grammer, Antrim Parish, by Rev. John Grammer,	2 50
"	" " Mrs. E. S. Easley, do. do. do.	2 00
"	" " Mrs. Phoebe Holt, do. do. do.	1 00
"	" " Miss Mary Smith, do. do. do.	2 00
"	" " Mrs. H. C. Barksdale, do. do. do.	1 00
"	" " Mrs. Eliza Bruce, do. do. do.	10 00
"	" " Mrs. F. K. Green, do. do. do.	1 00
"	" " Mr. Dabney Cosby, Jr. do. do. do.	2 50
"	" " Mr. Richard Logan, do. do. do.	5 00
"	" " Mrs. Catharine Early, do. do. do.	2 00
"	" " St. Martin's Parish, by Rev. W. V. Bowers,	24 00
"	" " Sunday School, St. Paul's Church, Al- exandria,	37 68
"	" " Six children and a lady of Trinity Ch. Parkersburg,	5 00
"	" " Trinity Church, Portsmouth,	6 75
"	" " Christ Church, Middlesex,	10 00
"	" " St. Paul's Church Port Royal,	20 00
"	" " St. Paul's Church, King and Queen co.	10 00
"	" " Rev. W F Lockwood, Fairfax co.	3 00
"	" " St. Paul's Church, Lynchburg,	72 00
"	" " Trinity Church, Louisa co.	5 00
"	" " Bolling Jones, Esq., by Rev. J. C. Mc- Cabe,	5 00
"	" " St. Peter's Church. Tillotson Parish,	5 00
"	" " Grace Church, Caroline, by Rev. W. Friend,	10 00
"	" " Cople Parish, Westmoreland, by Rev. W. McGuire,	8 00
"	" " Washington Parish, do. do. do.	8 00
"	" " Christ Church, Spottsylvania county,	2 00
"	" " do. by Master Anderson,	50
"	" " do. by Mrs. J. Swann,	1 00
"	" " Collection at Charlottesville	85 00
30	" " St. James' Church, Leesburg, by Rev. Geo. Woodbridge,	50 00
June 11	" " Vauters' Church, Essex, by Bp. Johns,	25 27
"	" " Tappahannock do. do.	15 14
"	" " St. Paul's Church, do. do.	21 43
"	" " St. Peter's Church, Westmoreland, do.	8 56
26	" " Mrs. A. B. Wilmer and family, Alexan- dria, by Rev. J Johnston,	15 00
29	" " St. George's Church, Fredericksburg, by Rev. E. C. McGuire,	10 00
July 9	" " Mrs. M. L. Anderson, by Rev. R. K. Meade,	5 00
	Amount carried over,	\$1,013 60

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1849.		Amount brought over,	\$1,013 60
July	9	By cash from children of Dr. Minor's School,	32 00
	16	" " Young Ladies' Bible Class of Christ Church, Alexandria, by Richard B. Duane, teacher,	10 00
		" " Missionary Society of Enquiry of Theological Seminary of Virginia, by Theo. S. Rumney, Treas'r,	23 00
	25	" " St. Paul's Church, Alexandria, by Bp. Johns,	25 00
	27	" " St. Paul's Church, Alexandria, by Rev. J. T. Johnston,	17 00
Aug.	1	" " Female Benevolent Society of Church of Epiphany, Danville, by Rev. G. W. Dame,	10 10
	3	" " a Lady in Georgetown, by C. Keith,	5 00
Sept.	1	" " Col. Ed. Colston, Mount Zion Church, Hedgesville,	5 00
		" " Nelson Parish, Nelson county,	12 55
		" " Church at New Glasgow, Amherst,	12 95
	22	" " Miss Lucy Nelson, of Hanover,	5 00
	22	" " E. C. McGuire, St. George's Church, Fredericksburg,	15 50
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			\$1,186 70
Oct.	22	By balance brought down, due the Society,	\$381 29

The foregoing account is a copy taken from Mr. Williams' Ledger, and concludes with the date of his last entry, i. e. October 22d, 1849. Since his death I have received \$276 48 of the above amount, due by him, leaving \$104 81 still unavailable. Provision, however, made by Mr. Williams a few hours before his death for the payment of the balance, will soon put the Society in possession of the whole.

JOHN L. BACON, *Treasurer.*

RICHMOND, May 13, 1850.

## E.

*The Diocesan Missionary Society of Virginia in account with JOHN L. BACON, Treasurer.*

## DEBITS.

1850.				
Jan.	11	To cash paid Rev. Ambler Weed,		\$50 00
	12	" " J. McElroy,		37 50
	15	" " Wm. Duvall,		30 00
	21	" " Wm. F. Lockwood,		50 00
	25	" " Robert Nelson,		37 50
	"	" " J. C. McCabe,		50 00
	26	" " J. D. McCabe,		75 00
	30	" " J. McElroy, in full current appropriation,		37 50
	31	" " N. A. Okeson,		75 00
	"	" " Wm. Duvall, balance of quarter ending 15th inst.,		45 00
	"	" " R. T. Brown,		62 50
	"	" " Ambler Weed on account,		57 39
Feb.	11	" " A. B. Tizzard,		25 00
	27	" " Ambler Weed, balance due on current appropriation,		25 00
	"	" " J. C. McCabe, balance due on current appropriation,		50 00
March	12	" " G. S. Carraway, 1st and 2d quarters,		75 00
	21	" " E. T. Perkins,		75 00
	"	" " S. R. Slack,		25 00
	"	" " D. Caldwell,		50 00
	22	" " F. B. Nash,		50 00
	29	" " W. L. Hyland,		50 00
April	25	" " C. H. Shield, 1st, 2nd and 3d "		75 00
	27	" " J. C. McCabe, 1st quarter commencing 24th instant,		50 00
May	13	To balance carried down,		295 92
				<hr/> \$1,453 31

## . CREDITS.

1850.				
Jan.	9	By cash from churches at Martinsburg and Hedgesville, per Bishop Johns,		\$13 62
"	"	By cash from church at Charlestown, Jefferson, per Bishop Johns,		31 11
"	"	By cash from Merchant's Hope Church, Prince George, per Bishop Johns,		31 28
"	"	By cash from Christ Church, Middletown, per Bishop Johns,		17 17
Amount carried over,				<hr/> \$93 18

1850.	Amount brought over,	\$93 18
Jan. 9	By cash from Dr. Osborne, per Bishop Johns,	5 00
"	By cash from St. James' Church, Richmond, per Rev. A. Empie,	29 40
11	By cash from a friend in Alexandria, Virginia,	2 00
19	By cash from a member of St. Paul's Church, Alexandria, per James Entwisle, Esq.,	10 00
"	By cash from the churches in Orange, per Rev. Mr. Earnest,	24 33
22	By cash from St. George's Church, Fredericksburg, per Rev. E. C. McGuire,	17 00
"	By cash from a lady and gentleman of Alexandria, Virginia, per Rev. George A. Smith,	10 00
25	By cash from Christ Church, Norfolk, per Tazewell Taylor, Esq.,	200 00
28	By cash from Monumental Church, Richmond,	56 80
30	By cash from Wickliffe Parish, Clarke county, per Rev. J. Peterkin,	50 00
31	By cash from Mr. R. A. Williams, on account of balance due by the late Treasurer,	133 98
Feb. 1	By cash from Leeds Parish, Fauquier, per Rev. W. H. Pendleton,	40 00
3	By cash from Monumental Church, Richmond,	50
7	By cash from Christ Church Parish, Lancaster, per Rev. R. S. Nash,	5 00
7	By cash from T. G. Goodwin, Esq., Fincastle, Virginia,	5 00
9	By cash from Trinity Church, Parkersburg, per Rev. E. T. Perkins,	5 00
14	By cash from N. B. Seabrook, Esq., Richmond,	5 00
18	" " Monumental Church, Richmond,	5 00
22	" " Mrs. Sarah Gamble, of Staunton,	5 00
27	" " William Stevens, Esq., of Lexington,	10 00
March 2	" " A gentleman of Richmond,	4 00
11	" " Col. F. H. Smith, Virginia Military Institute, per T. H. Ellis, Esq.,	5 00
"	By cash from Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Ellis, Richmond,	5 00
12	By cash from St. Anne's and South Farnham Parishes, Essex county, per Rev. John P. McGuire,	36 15
"	By cash per Rev. G. S. Carraway, for offerings at Communion, from Christ Church, Middlesex,	21 80
"	By cash from Dr. R. per Rev. G. S. Carraway,	10 00
"	By cash from Mrs. R. do. do.	5 00
20	By cash from St. John's Church, Richmond, one half of collections for Missionary purposes, per Rev. H. S. Keppler,	25 44
"	By cash from Raleigh and Genito Parishes, per Rev. Mr. Berkeley,	15 00
"	By cash from St. Paul's Church, Richmond, per William H. Hubbard, Esq.,	185 40
	Amount carried over,	\$1,024 98

1850.	Amount brought over,	\$1,024 98
March 21	By cash from St. Anne's Parish, Albemarle, per Rev. C. E. Ambler,	10 00
21	By cash from St. George's Church, Fredericksburg, per Rev. E. C. McGuire,	23 12
April 2	By cash from Christ Church, Smithfield, per Rev. J. C. McCabe, Bishop John's collection, 28th March,	38 63
6	By cash from Mrs. J. A. H., of Louisa county, per Rev. D. M. Wharton,	10 00
9	By cash from Bruton Parish, Williamsburg, per Bishop Johns,	79 25
"	By cash from St. Paul's Church, Suffolk, per Bishop Johns,	18 30
"	By cash from Brandon Church, per Bishop Johns,	25 00
27	By cash from St. Paul's Church, Norfolk, per Rev. Wm. M. Jackson, Bishop John's collection, 24th March,	81 53
May 13	By cash from R. A. Williams, Esq., on account of balance due from the late Treasurer,	142 50
		<hr/> \$1,453 31
13	By balance cash in hand this day,	<hr/> \$295 92

## F.

## CONTRIBUTIONS TO CONTINGENT FUND FOR 1850.

Christ Church, Norfolk,	\$347 00
St. Paul's do. Suffolk,	34 00
St. John's do. Chuckatuck,	6 00
St. Paul's do. Norfolk,	177 00
Trinity do. Portsmouth,	56 00
Cumberland Parish, Lunenburg,	20 00
St. James' Church, Warrenton,	47 00
Christ Church, Middlesex,	8 00
Christ do. Matthews,	6 00
Grace do. Petersburg,	40 00
St. Paul's do. Westmoreland,	11 00
St. James' do. do.	7 00
Amount carried over,	<hr/> \$759 00

Amount brought over,	\$759 00
Latimer Parish,	23 00
St. Stephen's, Fauquier,	11 00
St. Andrew's, Brunswick,	41 00
St. Luke's, Mecklenburg,	13 00
Cople Parish, Westmoreland,	12 00
Farnham Parish, Richmond county,	17 12
Lunenburg do. do. do.	30 50
Bloomfield do. Rappahannock county,	3 00
Wickliffe do. Clark county,	87 00
St. Paul's, Richmond city,	209 00
St. Thomas', Frederick county,	17 00
Christ Church, Winchester,	84 00
Lynhaven Parish, Princess Anne,	28 00
Trinity Church, Staunton, Augusta county,	92 00
Centurion do. Old Point,	15 00
Christ do. Spottsylvania,	14 00
St. John's do. do.	11 00
St. Margaret's Church, Caroline,	28 00
Botetourt Parish, Botetourt and Roanoke counties,	46 00
Nelson do. Nelson county,	25 00
Westover do. Charles City county,	30 00
Mount Zion, Norborne Parish, Berkley county,	10 00
Woodville Parish, Botetourt, (Trinity Church,)	25 00
Trinity Church, Shepherdstown,	45 00
Rivanna Parish, Fluvanna county,	19 00
St. James' Church, Shelburne Parish, Leesburg,	78 00
Meade Parish, Fauquier county,	32 00
St. Thomas' Church, Orange county,	62 00
St. Stephen's Church, Bedford county,	62 00
Russell Parish, do.	23 00
Bristol do. St. Paul's Church, Petersburg,	180 00
Zion Church, Fairfax county,	21 00
St. Martin's Parish, Hanover county,	60 00
St. James' do. Southam, Powhatan county,	17 00
Monumental Church, Richmond,	150 00
St. Stephen's, Culpepper, St. Mark's Parish,	40 00
St. James' Church, do. do.	29 00
Amount carried over,	\$2,448 62

Amount brought over, . . . . .	\$2,448 62
Green Mountain Parish, Albemarle county, Christ Church, St.	
Anne's Parish, . . . . .	26 00
St. George's Church, Fredericksburg, . . . . .	160 00
St. James' do. Richmond city, . . . . .	126 00
Martin's Brandon Parish, Prince George county, . . . . .	54 00
Tillotson Parish, Buckingham county, . . . . .	26 00
St. Peter's, Port Royal and Grace Church, Caroline county, . . . . .	45 00
St. John's King George county, . . . . .	12 00
St. Paul's Church, Lynchburg, . . . . .	127 00
Roanoke Parish, Halifax county, . . . . .	18 00
Meherrin do. Greenville county, . . . . .	17 00
St. John's Church, Henrico Parish, Richmond city, . . . . .	52 00
Sapona Church, Dale Parish, Chesterfield, . . . . .	15 00
Christ Church do. Lancaster, . . . . .	27 00
Antrim Parish, Halifax county, . . . . .	65 00
St. Paul's, Alexandria, . . . . .	141 00
Christ Church, Alexandria, . . . . .	116 00
Grace do. York-Hampton Parish, . . . . .	8 00
Bruton Parish, Williamsburg, . . . . .	80 00
Walker's Church, Albemarle, . . . . .	18 00
St. Matthew's do. Wheeling, . . . . .	80 00
St. George's Parish, Accomac county, St. George's and St.	
Michael's Churches, . . . . .	8 00
St. Paul's Church and Parish, King George county, . . . . .	23 00
Trinity do. Martinsburg, . . . . .	50 50
Raleigh and Genito Parishes, . . . . .	38 00
Hungar's Parish, Northampton, . . . . .	50 00
St. Mark's Church, Coalsmouth, Kanawha county, . . . . .	7 00
St. Paul's do. Fredericksville Parish, Albemarle, . . . . .	9 00
St. James' Northam Parish, Goochland, . . . . .	25 00
Frederick Parish, Millwood, Clarke county, . . . . .	46 00
St. Luke's, New Glasgow and Ascension, at Court House, Lex-	
ington Parish, Amherst county, . . . . .	35 00
Newport Parish, Christ Church, Smithfield, Isle of Wight county, . . . . .	31 00
St. John's Church, South Wheeling, . . . . .	27 00
Littleton Parish, Cumberland county, Grace and St. James'	
Churches, . . . . .	35 00
Amount carried over, . . . . .	\$4,046 12

Amount brought over,	\$4,046 12
St. John's Church, Heber Parish, Bedford county,	25 00
St. Mark's Parish, Culpepper county,	2 00
Trinity Church, Louisa county,	3 00
St. John's Church, Harper's Ferry,	12 00
Christ do. Charlottesville,	75 00
Leeds Parish, St. Paul's Church, Prince William,	33 00
St. James' Church, Dettingen Parish, Prince William,	19 00
Abingdon and Ware Parishes, Gloucester county,	27 50
Zion Church, St. Andrew's Parish, Jefferson county,	80 00
Bath Parish, Dinwiddie,	36 00
Leeds Parish, Fauquier, Trinity and Emmanuel Churches,	32 00
West Russell Parish, (paid by Rev. Mr. Sale,)	4 00
St. Luke's Church, Lexington Parish, Amherst,	2 50
Monumental Church, Richmond, (additional,)	1 00
St. James' Parish, Mecklenburg, (per Dr. Wm. Oliver,)	60 00
South Farnham Parish, Essex,	32 55

Leeds Parish, Fauquier, (Front Royal) additional,	5 00
Piedmont Parish, Trinity Church, Fauquier,	8 00
Falls Church, Fairfax county,	11 00
St. Martin's Parish, Hanover, (additional,)	4 00
St. John's Church, Louisa,	5 00
Piedmont Church, Bloomfield Parish, Madison county,	14 50
Parish of Hanover, St. Paul's Church,	13 00
St. Peter's, New Kent,	13 00

Sum total received by Wm. P. Stewart, treasurer *pro tem*: \$4,564 17

Amount received by T. Taylor, secretary, since adjournment of Convention:

From St. James' Parish, Drummondtown, Accomac county, per Rev. W. G. H. Jones, Rector,	12 00
From Christ Church, Henry co., per Rev. A. Wade,	12 00
Franklin Parish, Franklin county, per the Rev. A. Wade,	6 00

\$4,594 17

Received by W. H. Hubbard, treasurer, since adjournment, viz:

From Camden Parish, Pittsylvania county, per Rev. Geo. W. Dame,	\$20 00
St. John's Church, Louisa, per Rev. E. Bayden,	5 00
	<u>25 00</u>

Sum total received for assessments of 1850, \$4,619 17

NOTE.—The contingent Fund, which is expended in the payment of the salaries of the Bishop, and of the general expenses of the Diocese, is raised by an assessment on each parish or congregation of a sum equal in *dollars* to the number of *white* communicants therein.

This is so well explained in the report of the Committee on Finance, submitted to and *adopted* by the Convention of 1845, that it is deemed proper, in order to guard against misapprehension on the subject, to append an extract from said report, which is in these words :

“Your committee cannot forbear reiterating that which has so often been heretofore explained, to wit : That in adopting the present mode of collecting the contingent Fund, it was never intended by the Convention to be understood as a *tax* imposed upon the communicants as *individuals* ; but as an *assessment* upon the *several parishes* which the vestries may collect in the mode which they themselves may deem most eligible ; *provided only*, that the amount of contributions shall always correspond in number of *dollars* with the number of *white* communicants in the parish reported to the Convention for the current year.”

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G.

AMOUNT RECEIVED FOR DELINQUENCIES, 1849.

St. Paul's, Norfolk, - - - - -	\$27 50
Cople Parish, Westmoreland, - - - - -	11 50
Wickliffe Parish, Clarke county, - - - - -	5 00
Nelson Parish, Nelson county, - - - - -	25 00
Littleton Parish, Cumberland county, Grace and St. James' Churches, - - - - -	4 00
Zion Church, St. Andrew's Parish, Jefferson county, - - -	46 62
St. Stephen's Church, Bedford, - - - - -	2 00

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Total amount received by Wm. P. Stewart, treasurer, *pro tem* : \$121 62  
 Amount received by T. Taylor, since adjournment, from St.

James' Parish, Drummondtown, per Rev. W. G. H. Jones,  
 Rector, for 1849, in part, - - - - - 18 00

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Sum total for delinquencies of 1849, - - - \$139 62



## H.

PARISHES AND CHURCHES WHICH APPEAR DELIN-  
QUENT FOR 1850.

St. John's Church, South Wheeling,	\$6 00
Christ Church, Spottsylvania county,	4 00
St. Margaret's Church, Caroline county,	4 00
Trinity and Mount Zion Churches, Berkeley county,	40 00
St. Paul's Church, Hanover county,	1 00
St. Peter's Church, New Kent county,	1 00
St. Mark's Church, Coalsmouth, Kanawha,	6 00
Cumberland Parish, Lunenburg county,	26 00
*Camden Parish, Pittsylvania county,	37 00
Grace Church, Bristol Parish, Petersburg,	60 00
St. James' Southam Parish, Powhatan,	10 00
Raleigh and Genito Parishes,	3 00
St. John's Church, City Point, Prince George county,	14 00
St. James' Church, Westmoreland county,	1 00
Russell Parish, West Russell Parish, and St. Luke's Church, Lexington Parish,	61 50
Tillotson Parish, Buckingham county,	6 00
Christ Church, Clarke county,	63 00
Latimer Parish, Rockbridge county,	12 00
St. Matthew's Church, Wheeling,	6 00
Heber Parish, St. John's Church, Bedford county,	10 00
Bloomfield Parish, Madison county, Piedmont Church,	8 50
Bath Parish, Dinwiddie, Sapony Church,	5 00
Buckmountain and St. Paul's, Frederickville Parish, Albemarle county,	22 00
Christ Church, Alexandria,	10 00
Christ Church, Brooke county,	14 00
St. James' Northam Parish, St. Paul's and Beaverdam Churches, Goochland,	14 00
†St. John's Church, Louisa,	6 00
St. John's Church, Jefferson,	12 00
St. Luke's Parish, Mecklenburg county,	3 00
Sapona Church, Chesterfield,	1 00
Amount carried over,	\$466 00

\* \$20 paid in part by Camden Parish since adjournment.

† \$5 paid by St. John's Church, Louisa; since adjournment.

Amount brought over,	-	-	-	-	\$466 00
St. Ann's Parish, Albemarle county,	-	-	-	-	26 00
Trinity Church, Shepherdstown,	-	-	-	-	15 00
Trinity Church, Staunton,	-	-	-	-	7 00
Walker's Parish, Albemarle,	-	-	-	-	3 00
St. Paul's Church, Winfield, Putnam county,	-	-	-	-	11 00
Meade Parish, Fauquier and Loudoun,	-	-	-	-	3 00
Trinity Church, Buchanan, Botetourt,	-	-	-	-	25 00
Trinity Parish, Marshall county,	-	-	-	-	10 00
Sum total,	-	-	-	-	\$566 00

The parishes which have made no report, as shewn by next statement, are also delinquent.

## I.

PARISHES AND CHURCHES WHICH APPEAR TO HAVE  
MADE NO REPORTS.

\*St. James' Parish, Drummondstown, Accomac county.  
 Boyden Chapel, Augusta county.  
 Trinity Church, Bloomfield Parish, Madison county.  
 Brunswick Parish, King George county, Lambs Creek.  
 Clarksburg Parish, Harrison county.  
 Cornwall Parish, Charlotte county.  
 St. John's Church, Hampton, Elizabeth City county.  
 Franklin Parish, Franklin county.  
 St. Thomas' Church, Abingdon, Holston Parish, Washington county.  
 St. John's Church, Charleston, and St. Luke's, Salines, Kanawha co.  
 St. Paul's Church, Leeds Parish, Fauquier county.  
 St. John's Church, Moore Parish, Campbell county.  
 St. Anne's Parish, Essex county.  
 St. David's Parish, King William county.  
 Pohick Church, Truro Parish, Fairfax county.  
 Wytheville Parish, Wythe county.

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\* Delinquent \$8 for 1850, and \$5 for 1849.

## K.

## Dr. WILLIAM H. HUBBARD, Treasurer, in account with the Episcopal Convention of Virginia. Cr.

1849.		1849.		1850.	
May 10	To balance of account rendered,	\$794 72	May 21	By cash paid discount on uncurrent notes,	\$2 00
" 21	To cash received from H. Wilson, Esq.; Treasurer pro tem:	1,011 25	" "	" Bishop Mende's salary,	1000 00
" "	" To cash in current notes and checks, per do.	3,057 30	" "	" Wm. M. Blackford, for door-keeper,	10 00
" 25	" " in uncurrent do.	227 00	June 7	" C. B. Dana,	1 25
" "	" received from the Rev. S. Slack, due from Rockfish Church, Fredericksville Parish, for contingent fund,		July 22	" Wm. M. Blackford,	13 85
" 28	" received from Rev. F. M. Whittle, from Kanawha Parish, St. John's and St. Luke's Churches, for contingent fund,	2 00	Sept. 19	" Bishop Johns, on acct's salary, Blackford, Townley & Co.	500 00
" "	" received from the Rev. J. F. McGuire, from St. Anne's Parish, Essex county, - for contingent fund,	31 00	Oct. 9	" Bishop Johns, on acct's salary, travelling exp.	500 00
" "	" received from the Rev. G. W. Dame, from Camden Parish, Pittsylvania, for contingent fund, in part of amount due, - from the Rev. J. Earnest, from Thomas' Church, Orange county.		Dec. 15	" do. do. do.	300 00
" "	" Bloomfield Parish,		" "	" do. do. do.	500 00
" "	" do. hand,		Feb'y 23	" do. do. travelling exp.	15 00
" "	" do. hand,		March 6	" do. do. do.	188 00
" "	" do. hand,		" "	" do. do. salary, in favor of H. K. Elyson,	47 25
" "	" do. hand,		" 19	" Bishop Mende, order in favor of H. K. Elyson,	585 00
" "	" do. hand,		April 30	" Bishop Johns, in full salary,	194 47
" "	" do. hand,		" "	" do. travelling exp. & postage,	100 00
" "	" do. hand,		May 13	" Balance on hand,	105 00
" "	" do. hand,				730 58
" "	" do. hand,				\$5,171 27
" "	" do. hand,				\$780 58

## L.

## DIOCESE OF VIRGINIA.

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## M.

## A LIST

OF THE PARISHES OF THE DIOCESE OF VIRGINIA,  
*With their respective Counties, Churches and Ministers, arranged  
 alphabetically in the order of the Counties.*

COUNTIES.	PARISHES.	CHURCHES.	MINISTERS.
Accomac .....	St. James' .....	St. James' .....	W. G. H. Jones.
" .....	St. Georges' .....	St. George's .....	J. Ambler Wood.
" .....	" .....	St. Michael's .....	"
Albemarle .....	Fredericksville .....	Buckmountain .....	S. R. Slack.
" .....	" .....	St. Paul's .....	"
" .....	" .....	Christ .....	R. K. Meade.
" .....	St. Anne's .....	Trinity .....	C. E. Ambler.
" .....	" .....	Christ .....	"
" .....	" .....	Walker's .....	E. Boyden.
Amelia .....	Raleigh .....	Grubb Hill .....	P. F. Berkley.
Amherst .....	Lexington .....	S. Luke's, N. Glasgow, .....	David Caldwell.
" .....	" .....	Ascension, Amb't C.H. .....	"
Augusta .....	Augusta .....	Trinity .....	T. T. Castleman.
" .....	" .....	Boyden Chapel .....	"
Alexandria (town) .....	Fairfax .....	Christ .....	C. B. Dana.
" .....	" .....	St. Paul's .....	J. T. Johnston.
Bedford .....	Russell .....	Trinity .....	Nelson Sale.
" .....	West Russell .....	St. Thomas' .....	"
" .....	Heber .....	St. John's .....	Wm. H. Kinckle.
" .....	Hamner .....	St. Stephen's .....	O. A. Kinsolving.
Berkeley .....	Norborne .....	Mt. Zion, Hedgesville, .....	<i>Now vacant.</i>
" .....	" .....	Trinity, Martinsburg .....	"
" .....	" .....	Calvary .....	"
" .....	" .....	Christ .....	"
Botetourt .....	Botetourt .....	Fincastle .....	G. T. Wilmer.
" .....	Woodville .....	Trinity, Buchanan .....	J. McElroy.
Brooke .....	Christ Church .....	Christ .....	W. L. Hyland.
" .....	" .....	St. John's .....	J. B. Goodwin.
Brunswick .....	St. Andrew's .....	St. Andrew's .....	R. P. Johnson.
Buckingham .....	Tillotson .....	St. Peter's .....	W. C. Meredith.
Campbell .....	Moore .....	St. John's .....	<i>Vacant.</i>
" .....	Lynchburg .....	St. Paul's, Lynchb'g, .....	W. H. Kinckle.
Caroline .....	St. Margaret's .....	St. Margaret's .....	D. M. Wharton.
" .....	St. Mary's .....	St. Peter's, P. Royal, .....	W. M. Friend.
" .....	" .....	Grace .....	"

COUNTIES.	PARISHES.	CHURCHES.	MINISTERS.
Charles City.....	Westover.....		W. T. Leavell.
Charlotte.....	Cornwall.....	Roanoke.....	<i>Vacant.</i>
Chesterfield.....	Manchester.....	Sappona.....	A. B. Tizzard.
Clarke.....	Frederick.....	Christ, (Millwood).....	J. F. Hoff.
" .....	Wickliffe.....	Grace, (Berryville).....	J. Peterkin.
" .....	" .....	Wickliffe.....	"
Culpepper.....	St. Mark's.....	St. Stephen's.....	John Cole.
" .....	" .....	St. James'.....	"
Cumberland.....	Lyttleton .....	Grace.....	O. Bulkley.
" .....	" .....	St. James'.....	"
" .....	" .....	St. Paul's.....	"
Dinwiddie .....	Bath .....	Sapony .....	W. E. Webb.
" .....	" .....	Calvary.....	"
Elizabeth City.....	Elizabeth City.....	St. John's, (Hampton).....	<i>Vacant.</i>
" .....	" .....	Centurion, Old Point.....	M. L. Chevers.
Essex.....	St. Anne's.....		J. P. McGuire.
" .....	South Farnham.....		"
Fairfax.....	Fairfax.....	Zion.....	W. T. Lockwood.
" .....	" .....	Falls.....	"
Fauquier.....	Hamilton.....	St. James' (Warrenton).....	G. H. Norton.
" .....	" .....	St. Stephen's.....	"
" .....	Leeds.....	St. Paul's .....	W. H. Pendleton.
" .....	Meade.....	Trinity.....	R. T. Wilmer.
" .....	Piedmont.....	Trinity.....	<i>Vacant.</i>
Fluvanna.....	Rivanna.....		<i>Vacant.</i>
Franklin.....	Franklin.....	At Court House.....	A. Wade.
Frederick .....	Frederick.....	Christ, (Winchester).....	C. Walker.
" .....	" .....	St. Thomas', Middle- town.....	W. N. Irish.
Gloucester .....	Abingdon.....	Abingdon.....	Charles Mann.
" .....	Ware.....	Ware.....	"
Goochland.....	St. James', Northam.....	St. Paul's.....	F. M. Whittle.
" .....	" .....	Beaverdam.....	"
Greensville.....	Meherrin.....	Grace.....	W. D. Hanson.
" .....	" .....	Christ.....	"
Halifax .....	Antrim.....	St. John's.....	John Grammer.
" .....	Roanoke.....	Brick .....	J. T. Clark.
" .....	" .....	Catawba.....	"
Hanover.....	St. Martin's .....	Fork.....	Wm. V. Bowers.
" .....	St. Paul's .....	St. Paul's .....	E. B. McGuire.
Hampshire.....	Hampshire.....		S. D. Tompkins, Missionary.
Harrison.....	Clarksburg.....		<i>Vacant.</i>

COUNTIES.	FARMERS.	CHURCHES.	MINISTERS.
Henrico.....	Henrico.....	St. John's.....	H. S. Keppler.
" .....	Richmond City.....	Monumental.....	Geo. Woodbridge.
" .....	" .....	St. Paul's.....	Alex. Jones.
" .....	" .....	St. James'.....	Adam Easple.
" .....	" .....	St. Luke's.....	Vacant.
" .....	" .....	Armory .....	Vacant.
Henry.....	Patrick .....	Christ.....	A. Wade.
Ile of Wight.....	Newport.....	Christ, (Smithfield) ..	J. D. McCabe.
" .....	" .....	Old Church.....	
James City.....	Bruton.....	— Williamaburg, Vacant.	
Jefferson.....	St. Andrew's.....	Zion, (Charlestown) ..	D. A. Tyng.
" .....	" .....	Trinity, (Shepherd's) ..	C. W. Andrews.
" .....	" .....	St. John's, Harper's Ferry.....	Wm. N. Irish.
" .....	" .....	St. Bartholomew's, (Leetown) .....	Vacant.
Kanawha.....	Kanawha.....	St. John's, (Charleston) ..	R. T. Brown.
" .....	" .....	St. Luke's, (Salinas) ..	"
" .....	" .....	St. Mark's, (Coalman's) ..	F. B. Nash.
King George.....	St. Paul's .....	St. Paul's .....	Vacant.
" .....	Hanover.....	St. John's.....	Wm. Friend.
King William.....	St. David's.....	St. David's.....	Vacant.
Lancaster .....	Christ Church.....	Christ.....	R. S. Nash.
" .....	" .....	White Chapel .....	"
Lewis.....	Weston .....	St. Paul's .....	S. D. Tompkins.
Loudoun.....	Shelburne .....	St. James'.....	George Adie.
" .....	Meade.....	Emmanuel.....	R. T. Wilmer.
Louisa.....	Green Spring.....	St. John's.....	E. Boyden.
" .....	Trinity.....	Trinity.....	John Cooke.
Lunenburg.....	Cumberland .....	St. John's .....	Thos. E. Locke.
" .....	" .....	St. Paul's .....	"
Madison.....	Bloomfield.....	Piedmont.....	John Earnest.
" .....	" .....	Trinity.....	"
Marshall.....	Trinity.....	— Wm. L. Hyland.	
Mason.....	— Bruce Chapel.....	Vacant.	
" .....	— Point Pleasant .....	"	
Mathews .....	Kingston .....	Christ.....	G. S. Carraway.
Mecklenburg.....	St. James'.....	Old Church.....	F. H. McGuire.
" .....	" .....	St. James'.....	"
" .....	" .....	St. Andrew's.....	"
" .....	St. Luke's.....	St. Luke's.....	R. D. Brooke.
" .....	" .....	Clarksville .....	"
Middlesex.....	— Christ .....	G. S. Carraway.	
Nansemond.....	Suffolk.....	St. Paul's.....	C. H. Disbrow.
" .....	— Chuckatuck .....	St. John's.....	"

COUNTIES.	TOWNS.	CHURCHES.	MINISTERS.
Nelson.....	Nelson.....	Trinity.....	F. D. Goodwin.
" .....	" .....	Callaway.....	"
" .....	" .....	Rockfish.....	"
" .....	" .....	St. Paul's, New Market.	"
" .....	" .....	Grace.....	"
New Kent.....	St. Peter's.....	St. Peter's.....	E. B. McGuire.
Norfolk .....	Elizabeth River.....	Christ (Norfolk city).....	G. D. Cummins.
" .....	" .....	St. Paul's .....	Wm. M. Jackson.
" .....	Portsmouth.....	Trinity, (Portsmouth).....	J. H. Wingfield.
" .....	" .....	St. John's .....	James Gisholm.
Northampton.....	Hungary.....	Hungary.....	J. Ufford.
" .....	" .....	Christ.....	"
Ohio, (Wheeling) .....	" .....	St. Matthew's.....	Wm. Armstrong.
" .....	St. John's.....	St. John's .....	Jas. D. McCabe.
Orange.....	St. Thomas'.....	St. Thomas'.....	Jos. Earnest.
Petersburg.....	Bristol.....	St. Paul's .....	H. Stringfellow.
" .....	" .....	Grace.....	C. J. Gibson.
Pittsylvania .....	Camden.....	Epiphany.....	G. W. Dams.
" .....	" .....	Emmanuel.....	"
Powhatan.....	Genito.....	Grace.....	P. F. Berkeley.
" .....	St. James', Southam.....	St. Luke's.....	Andrew Fisher.
" .....	" .....	Immanuel .....	"
Princess Ann.....	Lynhaven .....	Chapel.....	Lewis Walke.
" .....	" .....	Emmanuel .....	"
Prince George.....	City Point.....	St. John's .....	N. A. Okeson.
" .....	Martin's Brandon.....	Merchants' Hope.....	C. Minnigard.
" .....	" .....	Old Brandon.....	"
Prince William.....	Dattingen .....	St. James'.....	John Towles.
" .....	Leeds.....	St. Paul's .....	"
Putnam .....	St. Paul's .....	Winfield .....	F. B. Nash.
" .....	" .....	St. John's .....	"
" .....	" .....	Teays's Valley.....	"
Rappahannock .....	Bloomfield.....	" .....	C. H. Shield.
Richmond .....	Lunenburg.....	" .....	W. N. Ward.
" .....	Farnham.....	" .....	"
Roanoke.....	Botetourt.....	(At the Licks).....	G. T. Wilmer.
Rockbridge .....	Latimer.....	Grace, Lexington.....	Robert Nelson.
Spottsylvania.....	St. George's.....	St. George's, Fred- ricksburg.....	E. C. McGuire.
" .....	Berkeley.....	Christ.....	D. M. Wharton.
" .....	" .....	St. John's .....	"
Surry.....	Southwark .....	Old Church .....	J. C. McCabe.
Sussex.....	Albemarle.....	Immanuel.....	Vacant.



COUNTIES.	PARISHES.	CHURCHES.	MINISTERS.
Washington .....	Holston.....	St. Thomas', Abing- don.....	<i>Vacant.</i>
Westmoreland .....	Washington .....	St. Peter's.....	Wm. McGuire.
" .....	Cople.....	Oak Grove.....	T. Rumney.
" .....	Montross.....	St. James'.....	Wm. McGuire.
Wood.....	Trinity.....	Parkersburg .....	E. T. Perkins.
Wythe.....	Wythesville .....		<i>Vacant.</i>
York.....	York-Hampton.....	Grace.....	E. Withers.

NOTE.—The above list, it is feared, is very imperfect, but it is the best which the Secretary pro: tem: could make out from the materials before him, and he had not time to seek for other information. It is hoped that the Clergy will promptly correct any errors or omissions in it in time for the General Convention, to which body a report is to be made.

#### ERRATUM.

In the list of Clergy, page 111, was omitted the name of Rev. J. M. Cofer, residing in Bedford county. P. O. Lynchburg.

Whole number of Clergy, including Bishops, . . . . 112

During the last year there are the following alterations in the list of Clergy:

#### ADDITIONS.

By Ordination—R. D. Brooke, W. D. Hanson, W. L. Hyland, W. N. Irish, T. H. Rumney, C. H. Shield.

By removals from other Dioceses—Silas Totten, R. M. Mitcheson, F. B. Nash.

#### LOSSES.

By death—Wm. Duval.

By removal—Mr. Holmead, Wm. F. Bryant, J. P. B. Wilmer, Wm. G. Jackson.

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**REVISED**

**CONSTITUTION AND CANONS**

**OF THE**

**PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

**IN THE**

**DIOCESE OF VIRGINIA,**

**MAY, 1850.**

# INSTITUTION AND CANONS

1877

## ESTATE OF THE CHURCH

GEORGE OF VIRGINIA

**REVISED CONSTITUTION**  
**OF THE**  
**PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH, &c.**  
**AS ADOPTED IN 1836, AND AMENDED IN 1840 & 1850.**

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**ARTICLE I.**

There shall be a Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this State, on the Third Wednesday in May, every year; but the Convention which meets in the year previous to the meeting of the General Convention, may have power to appoint the time and place of meeting for the next annual Session; and in the event of the existence of an epidemic disease or any other good cause, rendering it necessary or expedient to alter the place fixed on for any meeting of the Convention, the Bishop may change the place, or the time, or both, at his discretion.

**ARTICLE II.**

[As amended in 1840 and 1850.]

The Convention shall be composed of the Bishop and the Assistant Bishop, if there be one, and of the officiating ministers who now are, or may hereafter be regularly and canonically elected in parishes or churches within this State, so long as they continue officiating in parishes or churches within this Diocese, professors of the Theological Seminary of Virginia, missionaries acting under the authority of the *Bishop*, and within this Diocese, and of those whom age or infirmity prevents from exercising their clerical functions, who shall be considered members *ex officio*, and also the acting agent or agents for any benevolent society or societies, and the Rector of

the Episcopal High School, being clergymen of this Church and who are under the canonical jurisdiction of the Bishop of this Diocese. No person under ecclesiastical censure or process shall be entitled to a seat in the Convention. The Convention shall also be composed of lay members, consisting of one delegate for each parish or Church, chosen by the vestry or trustees thereof. Every parish having more than one officiating minister, who hath been regularly and canonically elected, shall be entitled to send as many lay delegates as it has ministers—and in every case the delegate or delegates shall be communicants in the Church. The Assistant Bishop shall preside in the Convention in the absence of the Bishop.

### ARTICLE III.

Twelve members of the clerical, and twelve of the lay order shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business ; but a smaller number may adjourn.

### ARTICLE IV.

In all matters that shall come before the Convention, the Clergy and Laity shall deliberate in one body ; and the concurrence of a majority shall give validity to any measure ; but when three members require it, there shall be a vote by orders.

### ARTICLE V.

The election of a Bishop of this Church shall be made in Convention in the following manner :—The order of the clergy shall nominate and appoint by ballot, some fit and qualified Clergyman for that office ; and the votes of a majority of that order shall be requisite to constitute a choice ; and thereupon, such appointment shall be presented to the order of the Lay Delegates, and be considered by them ; and if, on a ballot, it shall appear that the person so nominated is approved of by a majority of the Lay order, he shall be then declared to be duly elected.

## ARTICLE VI.

The Bishop shall be President of the Convention; in which character it shall be his duty to give to the Convention, annually, a general view of the state of the Church; to call special Conventions, at whatever time and place he shall think necessary, or when required by the standing Committee; to preserve order during the time of session; to put the question, collect the votes, and declare the decision; and he may deliver his sentiments on any subject after it has been discussed, before a vote thereon.

## ARTICLE VII.

In case of a vacancy in the Episcopal Office, the Convention immediately upon their assembling, shall choose, by joint ballot, a President from among the order of Priests, who shall remain in office until the next annual Convention, or until the next election of a President. He shall perform all duties, and possess all the privileges above specified; but he shall not call special meetings of the Convention, unless applied to for that purpose, by a majority of the Standing Committee; and if, while there is a Bishop in this Church, he shall not be present at any meeting of the Convention, they shall elect, in the manner aforesaid, a President *pro tempore*.

## ARTICLE VIII.

A Secretary shall be appointed by the Convention, who shall continue in office during good behaviour. His duty shall be to make minutes of their proceedings, to preserve their journals and records, to attest the public acts of the body, and faithfully to deliver into the hands of his successor, all books and papers relative to the concerns of the Convention, which may be in his possession. It shall be his duty to notify through the channel of the public papers, as he may think proper, the time and place for the meeting of the succeeding Convention. The Secretary shall annex to the Journals of every succeeding Convention, a list of the Clergy, with all alterations therein produced in the preceding year by ordinations, deaths, removals, suspensions, and degradations.

## ARTICLE IX.

A Treasurer shall be appointed by the Convention, who shall continue in office during good behaviour, and who shall discharge the duties usually appertaining to that office.

## ARTICLE X.

Before the adjournment of each annual Convention, a Standing Committee, consisting of six members, three Clerical and three of the Lay order, who shall be communicants of the Church in the Diocese, shall be chosen by a ballot of the Clergy and Laity.

## ARTICLE XI.

Every Parish within this Diocese shall be entitled to the entire benefit of this Convention, as soon as it shall have signified its ratification thereof, either in writing or by sending a Lay Delegate to the Convention; and such Parish shall thereafter be benefitted and bound, equally with the other Parishes in this Diocese, by every rule and canon which shall be framed, by any Convention acting under this Constitution, for the government of this Church in ecclesiastical concerns.

## ARTICLE XII.

This Constitution shall be unalterable, except in the following manner :—A proposition for any change shall be introduced in writing and considered in Convention; and, if approved of, the same shall be transmitted to the several vestries of the parishes which shall have ratified this Constitution; and, if again approved of in the next ensuing Convention, by a majority, the change shall then take place; and the Constitution, so altered, shall be valid and obligatory.

**CANONS**  
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**OF THE**  
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**CANON I.**

*Of the trial of a Bishop.*

The trial of a Bishop shall be on a presentment in writing specifying the offence of which he is alleged to be guilty, with reasonable certainty as to time, place and circumstances. Such presentment may be made for any crime or immorality, for heresy, for violation of the constitution, canons or rubrics of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the United States, or of this Diocese. Said presentment may be made by the Convention, two-thirds of each order present concurring; *provided*, that two-thirds of the Clergy, entitled to seats in said Convention be present, and *provided also*, that two-thirds of the Parishes and Churches, canonically in union with said Convention, be represented therein, and the vote thereon shall not, in any case, take place on the same day on which the resolution to present is offered. The Convention, making the presentment, shall by a concurrent vote, appoint a committee of prosecution, to consist of three presbyters and three lay members of their own body, by whom the presentment shall be signed in their official characters.

Such presentment shall be addressed to "the Bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States." It shall be the duty of the committee of prosecution to cause said presentment to be de-



livered to the presiding Bishop, or, if he be the Bishop to be presented, then to the Bishop next in seniority, who shall thereon, be fully empowered to proceed to the trial according to the provisions made by the Canons of the General Convention.

The committee of prosecution shall attend the trial, and prosecute the same.

## CANON II.

### *Of the trial of a Clergyman, not being a Bishop.*

Sec. 1. The trial of a Clergyman, not being a Bishop, shall be on a presentment in writing, specifying, with reasonable clearness and certainty as to time, place and circumstance, the crime or misdemeanor, by violation of the Canons or otherwise, charged; the said presentment to be made to the Bishop, either by the Convention, or by the vestry of the Parish to which the accused belongs, or by any three presbyters of this diocese, entitled to seats in the Convention: the said vestry, or presbyters, pledging themselves to act as a committee of prosecution. If however the presentment be made by the Convention, then the Convention shall appoint the committee of prosecution, and furnish them with such instructions as may be deemed necessary.

Sec. 2. Such presentment being made to the Bishop, and being accompanied by a further statement in writing of the names of the witnesses, and of the purport of their evidence, and by such documentary evidence as may be in their possession, the Bishop, unless the accusation appear to him an insufficient cause of presentment in itself, or to be clearly unsupported by evidence, shall immediately proceed to the trial according to the following provisions. He shall nominate from among the Clergy, entitled to seats in the Convention, other than the members of the Standing Committee, eight presbyters, and cause a list of their names and a copy of the presentment to be furnished to the accused, or left at his last place of residence. Of the eight presbyters, nominated as aforesaid, the accused may choose five, or, in case of his refusal, or neglect, for twenty days, so to do, the Bishop shall select five, and the presbyters so chosen shall constitute a court for the trial of the accused. The Bishop shall also, at the

leaving it at his last place of residence, shall be deemed a sufficient service of such notice or paper.

Sec. 10. The accused party may have the privilege of appearing by counsel, and, in case of the exercise of such privilege, but not otherwise, those presenting shall have the like privilege. If the party accused desire it, the trial shall be in public, and said party shall be entitled to a copy of the evidence, if he require it.

Sec. 11. In case of a presentment occurring during a vacancy in the Episcopal office, such presentment shall be made to the Standing Committee, who shall thereon take such steps as are by this canon enjoined on the Bishop, provided that, on receiving the proceedings and judgment of the court, they shall transmit the same to the Bishop of some other Diocese, who shall be requested, and is hereby authorized, to act thereon, as if he were the Bishop of the Diocese, and if he shall concur in opinion with the court he shall proceed to pronounce sentence accordingly.

### CANON III.

#### *Of the proceedings in the trial of a Layman, after expulsion by the Minister from the Holy Communion.*

If any person, repelled from the Holy Communion, shall allege to the Bishop that injustice has been done, or if, notwithstanding he shall have professed himself ready and willing, in truth and sincerity, to comply with the requisitions expressed in the rubric, in order to be restored to the Holy Communion, his repulsion shall be continued; he may present his complaint in writing to the Bishop, setting forth the grounds thereof, and desiring that he may be restored to the Communion—and then the Bishop, unless he think fit to restore the communicant from the insufficiency of the cause assigned by the minister, shall nominate two of the clergy and two of the laity, of whom the minister repelling shall select one of the clergymen and the communicant one of the laymen; and it shall be the duty of the two, thus chosen, to take without delay the evidence in the case, under oath and in writing, of such witnesses as may be produced by either of the parties, and to certify the same to the Bishop,

Sec. 6. The court, having deliberately considered the evidence, shall, within ten days after closing the same, declare in a written judgment signed by them, or a majority of them, that the accused is guilty, or not guilty, of the charge, or charges, or any of them, laid in the presentment, in the order therein set forth, and also, if guilty, what punishment shall be awarded; which judgment, with all the evidence received, shall be delivered forthwith to the Bishop; whereupon, unless the Bishop see cause to mitigate or remit the punishment, or to grant a new trial, he shall pronounce sentence according to the judgment of the court, and such sentence shall be final. In case a new trial is granted, a new court shall be constituted according to the provisions of this canon.

Sec. 7. If the accused shall neglect or refuse to appear before the court, when summoned according to section 2d of this canon, and no defence be there made under his authority, the court shall declare him to be in contumacy, and report the same to the Bishop, and sentence of suspension from the ministry shall pass against him for contumacy; but the said sentence shall be reversed by the Bishop, if, within three calendar months, the accused shall tender himself ready, and accordingly appear to take his trial on the presentment; but, if he shall not so tender himself before the expiration of the said three months, the sentence of degradation from the ministry, for contumacy, shall forthwith be pronounced by the Bishop, who shall cause such sentence to be publicly read to the congregations of the Diocese, by the respective ministers thereof.

Sec. 8. If, at any time, the accused shall confess himself guilty of the matters charged in the presentment, or any of them, the court shall proceed to award the punishment and certify the same as herein before provided, to the Bishop, who shall, unless he see cause to remit or mitigate the punishment, pronounce the sentence according to the Canons.

Sec. 9. All notices and papers contemplated by this canon may be served by a summoner, or summoners, appointed by the Bishop, or by the court, when the same is in session, and the certificate of any such summoner shall be evidence of the due service of a notice or paper. The delivery of a written notice or paper to a party, or the

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who, thereupon, unless for his own satisfaction, or for good cause shewn by either of the parties interested, he shall desire further evidence, shall proceed to adjudge the case. If further evidence be required, it shall be obtained and certified, either by the same commission, or by another appointed in the manner above prescribed, as the Bishop may direct. And when the evidence is thus procured, the Bishop shall adjudge the case, and shall communicate his judgment whenever made to the minister repelling and to the communicant repelled, which judgment shall be final and conclusive: *provided*, that in case his judgment shall direct a further continuance of the repulsion, it shall nevertheless be subject to all the conditions and provisions of the rubric.

#### CANON IV.

*Of the transfer of Communicants from one Parish, or Church, to another.*

Every communicant removing from one Parish or Church to another, within this Diocese, and desiring to be enrolled as a communicant thereof, shall present to the minister a certificate of regular standing from the minister, or if there be no minister, from the vestry of the Parish or Church from which the communicant desires to be transferred.

#### CANON V.

*Ministers to be careful in admitting to the Holy Communion.*

No minister shall enroll any persons as communicants in the parish or congregation under his charge, until he has conversed with them on the subject, or unless he shall be satisfied that they have been regular communicants in some other parish or congregation: nor shall he so enroll any one, who is known to deny the doctrines of the gospel, as generally set forth in the authorized standards of the Church.

## CANON VI.

*Communicants to have Family Worship.*

It shall be the duty of every communicant in this Church, who is at the head of a family, to live in the daily exercise of family worship.

## CANON VII.

*The Members of this Church to instruct their Families in the principles of Religion.*

The members of this Church shall instruct their families, as far as they are able, in the principles of the Christian religion. Parents and sponsors shall be careful to teach their children the solemnity and obligation of their baptismal vow, to cause them to attend the catechetical and other instructions of their minister; and, as soon as they are sufficiently instructed and impressed with the importance and sacredness of their baptismal promise, shall take care that they come to the Bishop to be confirmed by him.

## CANON VIII.

*Of the due celebration of Sunday.*

All persons within this Church shall celebrate and keep the Lord's Day, commonly called Sunday, in hearing the word of God read and taught, in private and public prayer, and in acts of charity, using all sober and godly conversation.

## CANON IX.

*Of Vestries, Church Wardens, &c.*

Sec. 1. The vestries shall be chosen for each Parish in this Diocese, in the following manner. Every person above twenty-one years of age, resident of the Parish six months next preceding the day of election, being a pew holder or contributor to the charges of the Parish, shall have a right of suffrage in the election of vestrymen for such Parish; and all persons so qualified shall, on every Easter Monday, assemble in their respective Parishes, at the Parish Church,

or at such other place as the minister of the Parish, or, if there be no minister, as any three or more vestrymen, or, if there be not three vestrymen, as any three members of the Church may have publicly notified to the parishioners: and the said persons, so qualified to vote, when assembled, or such of them as may assemble in each Parish, shall proceed, by a majority of votes, to elect, by ballot, five or more vestrymen, not exceeding twelve, from among the parishioners qualified to vote, who, with the minister of the Parish for the time being, shall be the vestry of the said Parish, for the ensuing year, and continue in office until their successors shall be elected and qualified to act.

Sec. 2. If, from any cause whatever, Easter Monday should elapse without any election of vestrymen, then the said election may be held on any other day (Sunday excepted) appointed for the purpose at any time thereafter, although it may be in any subsequent year, of which day notice shall be given by the minister, if there be any, in his Church, immediately after Divine service, on two succeeding Sundays, and, if there be no minister, by any two vestrymen, by writing, set up at the door of the Church, two weeks before the day of meeting.

Sec. 3. Every person, chosen a vestryman, shall, before he acts as such, subscribe to the following declaration and promise:

"I do believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be the word of God, and to contain all things necessary to salvation; and I do yield my hearty assent and approbation to the doctrines and worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in these United States. And I promise that I will faithfully execute the office of a vestryman of ——— Parish in ——— county, without prejudice favor or affection, according to the best of my skill and knowledge."

Sec. 4. The vestrymen of each Parish, or a majority of those who shall attend, shall judge of the election of vestrymen, of the qualification of voters, and of the qualification of parishioners, proposed to be elected as vestrymen.

Sec. 5. If any vacancy happen in the vestry, or any elected shall refuse to serve, the other members shall have power to appoint a

new member or members, as the case may be, to serve till the succeeding election.

Sec. 6. The minister of the Parish, for the time being, shall preside in the vestry when present, collect the votes, and shall, upon an equal division of those present, have a vote, except in cases in which he is in any manner personally interested. A majority of the whole number of vestrymen shall be necessary to constitute a quorum.

Sec. 7. Whenever a meeting of the vestry shall be necessary, it shall be called by the minister, but, if there be no minister, or if he be absent or refuse or neglect to call a meeting, when requested to do so by any two of the vestrymen, they may themselves summon a vestry.

Sec. 8. On every Easter Monday, after the election of vestrymen, the vestry shall proceed to choose, from among their own body, two suitable persons to be Church Wardens, for the ensuing year. If Church Wardens should not, from any cause, be chosen by the vestry on Easter Monday, they may be chosen at any subsequent meeting of the vestry.

Sec. 9. The vestry of every Parish shall provide a fit person as Register of the Parish, whose duty it shall be to keep true and fair entries of the proceedings of such vestry, and whenever there shall be no minister of the Parish, then he shall also enter in a book, provided for the purpose by the vestry, all baptisms, marriages and funerals, in the parish, by any minister of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and which may be made known to him by any of the said ministers or vestrymen of the Parish: and it shall also be the duty of said register, in the entry of baptisms to insert the Christian names and surnames of the parents, with dates of the baptisms and births of the persons baptized: and, in the entry of marriages and burials, to insert the time of the celebration and the Christian and surnames of the persons married and the persons buried.

Sec. 10. The term "Parish" wherever it occurs in the foregoing canon, shall be interpreted also to mean Church or Congregation, whenever such Church or Congregation is entitled to a separate vestry, unless where the context requires a more restricted construction.



## CANON X.

*Concerning exceptions to the foregoing Canon.*

Whereas the preceding canon, which directs the manner of choosing vestrymen in the several parishes, is not applicable to the case of Churches built and supported by voluntary associations of individuals; and it is proper that those who hold the sole property of a particular Church—as in the case of the Monumental Church, Richmond, and in all similar cases—should provide for its care and management, the choice of vestrymen shall be made by the pew-holders of the respective Churches, conforming, as to the time of appointment and manner of qualifying the vestrymen, to the regulations prescribed by the 9th canon, excepting in the case of Christ Church, in the city of Norfolk, which, being under peculiar circumstances in relation to the number of trustees, the time and manner of electing them and the Rector, the pew-holders are permitted to conform to their own regulations in those particulars.

## CANON XI.

*Of the division of Parishes.*

Sec. 1. Whenever the members of the Church, residing in a particular portion of a Parish, shall desire to separate from the Parish of which they form a part, it shall be lawful for them to assemble and appoint a committee to take such measures as may be necessary.

Sec. 2. The committee thus appointed shall give to the Bishop and to the majority of the vestry (if there be one) of the Parish, from which they desire to be separated, a formal notice of their intention to apply for such purpose, which notice shall contain a description of the proposed line or lines of division, and shall be sent to the Bishop and said vestry, at least three months before the meeting of the Convention to which the application shall be made.

Sec. 3. Said application shall be made in the form of a petition to the Convention, and shall set forth the considerations which are supposed to render the division desirable—whereupon the Convention may, if they deem it expedient, proceed to divide said Parish, and to constitute the portion thereof applying for separation a new Parish, with all the rights and privileges of other Parishes of this Diocese.

Sec. 4. As soon after the adjournment of the Convention as may be practicable, the committee aforesaid shall give at least two weeks' notice to the members of the Church, residing in the new Parish, to assemble for the election of a vestry, which election shall be conducted, according to the directions contained in Canon IX.

Sec. 5. The Committee aforesaid, or a majority of those who may attend, shall judge of the qualification of voters, and of the qualification of persons proposed to be elected, and of the election of vestrymen: and those persons, whom said committee shall declare to be duly elected, shall be the vestry of said Parish, until the election and qualification of the succeeding vestry.

## CANON XII,

### *Of the formation of New Congregations.*

When any number of persons belonging to any parish or congregation, sufficient to build a house of worship, and provide for the support of a minister, shall choose to separate from the parish or congregation, of which they have hitherto been a part, they may proceed, according to the directions given in the 11th canon, except that, in this case, the direction as to a line or lines of division is inapplicable. The Convention may, on such petition, constitute the applicants a separate congregation, and authorise, by special enactment, such peculiar provisions, as to the right of suffrage, the employment of a minister, or ministers, and the manner of holding and managing the property of such congregation, as they may propose, and the Convention deem expedient, provided that the time of electing and the manner of qualifying vestrymen shall always be conformed to the regulations prescribed in the 9th canon.

## CANON XIII.

### *Of the evidence of the appointment of Lay Delegates to the Convention.*

The appointment of Lay Delegates to the Convention of this Diocese shall be certified by the Rector, Register or Warden of the proper parish or church, and said certificate shall be in form as follows:

"This is to certify, that at a meeting of the Vestry, (or Trustees, as the case may be,) of ——— Parish, (or Church,) in ——— county, held on the ——— day of ———, A. B., who is a communicant in said parish, or church, was appointed a Lay Delegate to represent the same in the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Virginia, to be holden on the ——— day of ——— in the year of our Lord, ———.

A. B., RECTOR.

C. D., REGISTER,

OR

CHURCH WARDEN."

#### CANON XIV.

##### *Of the Standing Committee.*

Sec. 1. Any vacancy occurring by death, or otherwise, in the Standing Committee, shall be supplied by the concurrent vote of the remaining clerical members, and lay members of the committee.

Sec. 2. In case of a vacancy in the Episcopate, the powers and duties to be performed by the Bishop, as regards discipline, except the pronouncing sentence of suspension, deposition or degradation from the ministry, shall belong to, and be performed by the Standing Committee.

Sec. 3. The record of all the proceedings, on a presentment of a clergyman or layman, shall be preserved by the Standing Committee, and for that purpose shall, after a final decision, be delivered to their Secretary.

Sec. 4. It shall be the duty of the Standing Committee, before every stated meeting of the General Convention, to draft, with the advice and approbation of the Bishop, a report of the state of the Church in this Diocese, to be presented to the General Convention.

Sec. 5. It shall be the duty of the Standing Committee, at every meeting of the Convention, to submit, in addition to the report of their proceedings, the documents also which have been laid before them during the year.

## CANON XV.

*A List to be made of Ministers in this Diocese.*

Within one week before every stated meeting of the Convention of this Diocese, the Bishop, or if there be no Bishop, the Standing Committee, shall prepare, or cause to be prepared, a list of all the ministers of the Protestant Episcopal Church, canonically resident in this Diocese, annexing the names of their respective cures, or of their stations as Missionaries, or of the Colleges, Academies, or other Seminaries of learning in which they are engaged, or in regard to those who have no cure, or are not engaged in missions, or institutions of learning, as above, their places of residence only. And such list, corrected as herein after mentioned, shall be laid before the Convention on the first day of meeting, and the names of the clerical members called therefrom, and be appended to the Journal, and shall be transmitted to the Secretary of the General Convention.

Sec. 2. The list of the Clergy of this Diocese, so prepared by the Bishop or Standing Committee, and annexed, according to the changes which may occur, whether by death, ordination, discipline, or canonical removals from, or admissions into, this diocese, shall be evidence of a clergyman's having a cure or mission, or engagement in a Seminary of learning. And no clergyman, while suspended from the ministry, shall have a place on said list.

Sec. 3. The right of any clergyman to a seat in the Convention shall, if disputed, be determined, according to the provisions of the constitution and canons, by the Convention itself, whether his name be inserted in the list aforesaid, or omitted.

Sec. 4. It shall be the duty of the Clergy to attend regularly at the meeting of every Convention. At the opening of the Convention, their names shall be called over, and absentees noted, and at the ensuing stated Convention, they shall be required to give excuses for their absence.

## CANON XVI.

*Of Candidates for Orders.*

If any candidate for orders in this Diocese shall be charged with any of the offences, for which a communicant may be subjected to discipline, or with having, without good and sufficient cause, desisted from his studies preparatory for ordination, the Bishop and Standing Committee shall carefully investigate the charge, and if satisfied that the offence alleged has been committed, the Bishop shall erase the name of the offender from the register, and inform him that he has ceased to be a candidate.

## CANON XVII.

*Respecting the Property of the Church.*

The vestries respectively shall hold all glebes, lands, parsonage houses, churches, books, plate, or other property, now belonging, or hereafter accruing, to the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Virginia, as Trustees for the benefit of the Parish, or Church, for whose use the same were, or shall hereafter be, purchased, or otherwise obtained, and may improve, demise, or otherwise dispose of the lands, or houses allowed for the minister's habitation, or use, with the minister's consent; if there be no minister, with the consent of the Bishop; or in case there be no minister, and the Episcopal office be vacant, then not without the consent of the Standing Committee. The Vestry may also use, improve, or dispose, of all personal property and the produce, rents and profits of lands and houses, (not appropriated for the occupancy and use of the minister) belonging to the Church, in repairing the Church, and parsonage house for the benefit of the respective Parishes or Churches, and may make such rules and orders for managing the affairs and temporal concerns of their respective Churches and Parishes, as they shall think most conducive to their interest and prosperity. They shall have the sole power of directing the payment of money, belonging to the respective Churches and Parishes, and appoint a clerk, treasurer and collector, when necessary, all which proceedings shall be entered in a well

bound book, to be kept for that purpose. But when there are trustees under the act of the Legislature, passed Feb. 3rd, 1842, authorized to hold real property, such real property shall not be subject to the provisions of this canon.\*

### CANON XVIII.

#### *Providing for the expenses of the Diocese.*

The vestry of each Parish or Church shall, at every annual Convention, pay to the Treasurer such sums as may be apportioned to them respectively for the purpose of defraying such expenses as may be authorized by the Convention.

### CANON XIX.

#### *Offenders to be admonished, or repelled from the Lord's Table.*

Any member of the Church, being a communicant thereof, conducting himself or herself in a manner unworthy of a Christian, ought to be admonished, or repelled from the Lord's Table, by the minister of the Parish or Church, according to the rubric; and gaming, attendance on horse racing and theatrical amusements, witnessing immodest and licentious exhibitions or shows, attending public balls, habitual neglect of public worship, or a denial of the doctrines of the gospel, as generally set forth in the authorized standards of the Church, are offences for which discipline should be exercised. This enumeration, however, shall not be construed to include all the subjects of discipline in the Church, and in cases where it may be deemed expedient by the minister, or may be requested by the accused, the Church wardens, or either of them, if communicants, shall be summoned to assist the minister in ascertaining the facts of the case: *provided*, that, if such warden or wardens shall fail or refuse to act within ten days, the minister shall proceed to act under the rubrics of this Church.

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\* The act of Feb. 3, 1842, referred to above in Canon XVII, has been repealed, and substituted by the act in the new code, published in this Journal, p. 139.

## CANON XX.

*Concerning altering or adding to the Canons of this Church.*

No proposed alteration or addition to the Canons shall hereafter be considered by the Convention, unless at least one day's previous notice be given in open Convention, nor until such alteration or addition shall have been referred to, and reported upon by a committee of at least two Presbyters and two Laymen. Nor shall such alteration or addition be adopted during the same Convention if two-thirds of the members shall not concur therein: but in such case, it shall lie over for consideration until the next annual convention.

## CANON XXI.

All former Canons of this Diocese, not included in these Canons, are hereby repealed.

# AN ACT

## CONCERNING CHURCH PROPERTY.

*New Code of Virginia, Chap. 77, page 362.*

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§ 8. Every conveyance, devise, or dedication, shall be valid, which, since the first day of January, seventeen hundred and seventy-seven, has been made, and every conveyance shall be valid which hereafter shall be made, of land for the use or benefit of any religious congregation as a place for public worship, or as a burial-place, or a residence for a minister; and the land shall be held for such use or benefit, and for such purpose, and not otherwise.

§ 9. The circuit court of the county or corporation, wherein there may be any parcel of such land, or the greater part thereof, may, on application of the proper authorities of such congregation, from time to time, appoint trustees, either where there were or are none, or in place of former trustees, and change those so appointed, whenever it may seem to the court proper, to effect or promote the purpose of the conveyance, devise or dedication; and the legal title to such land shall, for that purpose, be vested in the said trustees for the time being and their successors.

§ 10. When books or furniture shall be given or acquired for the benefit of such congregation, to be used on the said land in the ceremonies of public worship, or at the residence of their minister, the same shall stand vested in the trustees, having the legal title to the land, to be held by them as the land is held, for the benefit of the congregation.

§ 11. The said trustees may, in their own names, sue for and recover such land or property, and be sued in relation thereto. Such suit, notwithstanding the death of any of the said trustees, or the appointment of others, shall proceed in the names of the trustees by or against whom it was instituted.

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§ 12. Such trustees shall not take or hold at any one time more than two acres of land in an incorporated town, nor more than thirty acres out of such a town.

§ 13. Any one or more of the members of any religious congregation may, in his or their names on behalf of such congregation, commence and prosecute a suit in equity against any such trustee, to compel him to apply such land or property for the use or benefit of the congregation, as his duty shall require. No member of the congregation need be made a defendant to such suit, but, in other respects, the same shall be proceeded in, heard and determined, as other suits in equity, except that it may be proceeded in, notwithstanding the death of the plaintiff, as if he were still living.

NOTE.—On the 3rd of February, 1842, an act was passed by the General Assembly of Virginia, entitled "An act concerning conveyances or devises of places of public worship," which law was inserted in the Journal of 1848, by order of the Convention.

As that law has been repealed by the above act, passed at the late revision of the code of Virginia, which takes effect on the 1st July, 1850, the secretary deems it his duty to publish the said act in the Journal. He would call attention to the fact, that under this law no land can hereafter be *devised* for the use and benefit of any religious congregation, but must be *conveyed by deed* in the lifetime of the donor, whilst the act of 1842 legalised a *devise*, as well as a conveyance of lands for the use and benefit of any religious congregation as a place for public worship, or as a burial place or parsonage.

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The following law, prescribing the duty of ministers celebrating the rites of marriage, is enacted by the new code, and is here inserted for the information of the clergy :

*New Code, Chap. 108, page 470.—Register of Marriage.*

§ 8. A certificate of every marriage hereafter solemnised, signed by the minister or other person celebrating the same, or, in the case of societies that solemnise their marriages by the consent of the par-

ties in open congregation, by the clerk of the meeting, shall be transmitted by such minister, person, or clerk of the meeting, to the clerk of the court of the county or corporation in which the marriage is solemnised, *within three months thereafter*; which certificate shall be recorded by the clerk within thirty days after its receipt, in a book to be kept for that purpose, with a proper index thereto; and a copy thereof from such record shall be evidence of such marriages. If any minister, or other person, celebrating a marriage, or the clerk of any such meeting, or of any court, shall fail to perform what is hereby required of him, *he shall for each failure forfeit sixty dollars.*

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**NOTE.**—The first Convention of this Diocese after the Revolution, was held in Richmond, on the 19th day of May, 1785; and annual Conventions were held for several years successively in that city. It would appear from Hawks' Ecclesiastical Contributions to Church History, Vol. I, that the Convention did not meet more than twice between the years 1799 and 1812. In the year last named a special Convention was called, and from that period to the present the Convention has assembled annually. From information derived from Dr. Hawks' valuable History of the Church in Virginia, above referred to, the secretary is satisfied that the Convention last held was the 55th annual Convention of this Diocese.





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